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British Telecom to Pay \$4.3 Billion for Stake In a Venture With MCI

By Erik Ipsen

international Herald Tribune

LONDON — The high-takes battle to meet the communications needs of the world's biggast corporations shifted into high gear gednesday with the announcement that British Telecommunications would create a joint venture with America's MCI Communications. In addition, BT will pay \$4.3 billion for a 20 percent stake in MCI, America's second-largest

ong-distance phone company. BT had long made clear both its ambitions to capture a big share of the fast-growing multinational corporate market and to gain a strong foothold in the market with the world's largest concentration of those firms, the United States. "This move is certainly along the lines of their long-stated strategy," said James War-hurst, an analyst at brokers Henry Cook Lums-

BT had tried and failed to build its internadenal presence by establishing cooperative agreements with Japan's NTT and Deutsche Bundespost of Germany,

The announcement last week that American Telephone & Telegraph had formed an alliance benchmone of renegraph and formed an amance with Singapore Telecom and Japan's Kokuszi Denshin Denwa Co. to attack the international corporate market had seemingly given AT&T the clear lead in a market pioneered by BT just two years ago when it set up Syncordia, a separate unit based in Atlanta. To date, however er, Syncordia has signed up only \$200 million in business in a market estimated potentially to be worth several billion dollars.

The joint venture with MCI will add fresh impetus to that push. It will be 75 percent owned by BT, 25 percent by MCI. That division reflects the already substantial investments BT has poured into its international efforts, as well as the overwhelmingly domestic nature of MCI's business.

What BT has lacked to date has been marketing clout. It is that factor that many see as underpinning the tie-up with MCI.

"MCI services 498 or 499 of the 500 largest

companies in America in some way," a Lon-don-based American analyst said. "It is certainly not their global supplier of telephone services, but it has entrée to all of them." It is those contacts more than anything else that experts say makes MCI worth so much to BT.

Officially what BT gets for its \$4.3 billion is the right to name three directors to MCT's board and veto power on all spending decisions that exceed \$1 billion.

"If all BT is getting is a silent 20 percent stake in MCI, then clearly they are paying too much," one analyst said. He and others insisted that in two-and-a-half years of owning a 22 percent holding in the American cellular phone compa-ny McCaw, BT gained little. Late last year, BT threw in the towel and agreed to sell its stake for \$1.8 billion — to AT&T, which thus is providing much of the cash that BT will invest in MCL

Many analysts see in MCl a more willing and eager partner for BT than McCaw proved to be. MCI badly needs BT's international reach and can no more afford to go it alone than BT can in See PHONES, Page 15

Phone Carrier's Success Takes a Heavy Toll in Jobs

But Leaner Firm Is a Fierce Competitor

LONDON - Michael Hepher is one of many people who can vividly recall the bad old days at British Telecommunications. "I canremember begging BT for a phone and being told, 'Well, we might be able to arrange it two

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weeks from next Tuesday, and if you make sure; you stay at home all that day we might come

Today Mr. Hepher does not have to beg. The former insurance executive is now two years into his job as BT's managing director. His point, however, is that today a much-changed BT promises to install phones in days, not weeks, and will soon offer seven-day-a-week

emergency service. Nine years and many missteps since it was privatized, a radically restructured BT has emerged as what many see as the most efficient shone company in Europe, one that is rapidly closing the gap with the best that the United States has to offer. Wednesday's announcement of BT's joint venture with MCI Communications, which is based in Washington, gives its

global ambitious their biggest boost to date. The company "is something quite unique, and I think maybe we ought to be more proud

of it," said Patrick Hickey, an analyst with the brokerage concern Henderson Crosthwaite.

At the same time, however, BT's progress in many ways is the sort you would not wish on your worst enemy: The privatized BT not only has sold off its manufacturing plants to concentrate on its core service businesses; it also has

shed jobs on a gigantic scale. Since 1990, 70,000 employees have gone, a 100,000 over the next two years. Some analysis predict that the world's fourth-largest phone contrary, which employed 240,000 people at the beginning of the decade, will end it with just 100,000 employees.

Even worse, whatever employment growth BT does see will almost certainly come not in Britain but abroad, principally in the United States. Eager to establish itself as more than just a national company, and backed with what Tony Willis, an analyst at the brokerage con-cern Williams deBroe, terms a "prodigious" cash flow, BT has long been scouring the North American landscape for acquisitions. Last month, it reportedly came close to taking a \$4

billion stake in Electronic Data Systems. But, for all the pain that its restructuring has brought, industry experts insist that the gains have been worth it. Brian Rigby, director of procurement at BT, stresses that the gains also have reached far beyond the company itself. As a state-owned company, BT had cozy relation-

ships with its chosen few suppliers of everyin the western city of Solingen. Mr. Riha was See BT, Page 15



A Lone German Arsonist's 'Deep Hatred'

By Marc Fisher
Washington Post Service

BERLIN — German government and law enforcement officials said Wednesday that the arson attack that killed five Turks last weekend

was the solitary work of a 16-year-old skinhead with "a deep hatred of foreigners." Law enforcement sources describe Christian Riha, who lives across the street from the Turkish family he allegedly burned to death, as a troubled violent youth who has repeatedly come to police attention in assaults, break-ins

and arson cases. On Friday, the night before the arson attack seen walking drunk in his neighborhood, shouting, "Heil Hitler," according to neighbors intervides financial support to several far-right viewed on German television.

Although Bonn officials portrayed him Wednesday as the sole arsonist in an attack that had nothing to do with Germany's organized neo-Nazi scene, independent German researchers specializing in the far right say Mr. Riha is friendly with several known neo-Nazi figures.

According to two usually reliable researchers who seek to remain anonymous because they have received death threats from neo-Nazis. Mr. Riha frequented a martial arts school that has been the source of security personnel at speeches given by prominent neo-Nazis such as vides financial support to several far-right Law enforcement officials said they knew of

no connection between Mr. Riha and organized

'It is not so that these brainless, benighted skinheads are being organized from the outside or by neo-Nazi organizations," said Eckart Wertebach, president of Germany's Constitutional Protection Office, the domestic intelligence agency. "They are loose groups of drinking buddies who meet occasionally, decide on

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Policy Shift Would Bolster Foreign Firms' U.S. Output

By Keith Bradsher New York Tunes Service

WASHINGTON - In a break from decades of government policy, the Clinton administration has reached a rough consensus to give higher priority to helping foreign-owned com-panies expand production in the United States than to assisting domestic companies with out-put from their factories overseas, according to three administration officials.

The informal understanding was reached by five top administration officials at a secret meeting May 26, the officials said Tuesday. The compromise addresses the questions of where America's interests lie in an era of heavy international investment and what kinds of companies the federal government should be

These questions have become more pressing for policymakers now that foreign-owned factories in the United States, for example, produce 11 percent of all cars and light trucks sold

The new consensus represents a shift from traditional American views on foreign investment, one of the three administration officials

For decades, the federal government backed American-owned companies in setting trade policy and other goals, regardless of whether their factories were at home or abroad. The top administration officials agreed that

the federal government's priority should be to encourage American-owned companies with their factories in the United States. But officials decided that the second-place

priority should be to help foreign-owned companies with their factories in the United States, the administration official said. The interests of overseas factories belonging to American-See TRADE, Page 11

EC Sees 'Ray of Hope' That Pact Will Clear Way for GATT Accord By Tom Redburn International Herald Tribune PARIS - Breathing new life into long-dor-

mant global trade talks, senior negotiators from the world's four major trading interests said Wednesday that they expected to present a broad package of tariff cuts on manufactured goods at the summit meeting of the seven leading industrial powers next month.

More than two years past their original fiveyear deadline in the negotiations under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, officials from Canada, Europe, Japan and the United States said a deal was within reach that could help clear the way to a wider multilateral trade agreement by December.

"In a world where economic gloom is all too prevalent," said Sir Leon Brittan, the top trade representative of the 12-nation European Community, "I believe that a ray of hope is emerging from these trade talks. Sir Leon said the negotiators agreed at a

meeting Wednesday morning that it was "realistic to aim for the outline of an ambitious market-access package" by the time the leaders

Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen signals a truce in the battle over the yen. Page 13.

of the Group of Seven industrial democracies

meet July 7 to 9 in Tokyo. Much work remains to be done both before and after that meeting, the officials acknowledged. This includes further action on not only the so-called market-access package designed to slash tariffs across a wide range of products, but also separate disputes over farm subsidies, opening valuable telecommunications and fi-

and the safeguarding of patents and copyrights.

Meanwhile, the United States and Japan continued to spar over whether Tokyo should submit to demands from Washington to establish specific targets for reducing its trade imbal-

nancial-services markets to foreign suppliers

ance with the rest of the world. "Setting numerical targets is not only impos-sible but leads to a way of thinking that denies the very system of the market economy," Hanomic planning, said at a meeting of ministers

from the 24-nation Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. Japan, clearly aiming at the United States, is seeking inclusion of a statement in the final communique, to be issued by the OECD on

Thursday, attacking "managed" trade and uni-lateral action to impose sanctions in response to allegedly unfair trade practices. Washington opposes such a statement.
The U.S. Treasury secretary, Lloyd Bentsen, while continuing to press Japan to stimulate

domestic growth to cut its surplus with the rest of the world, sought to play down any confron-

"We're working hard to try to open up these markets," he said. "In no way is that managed

Ronald H. Brown, the U.S. commerce secretary, accused Tokyo of "disingenuousness" in accusing Washington of support for managed

"Those words have very little credibility coming from the Japanese," he said in an inter-

"Japan is a special case," he added. Arguing that past trade negotiations with Tokyo had failed to make substantial progress, he said it "would be irresponsible for this administration to sit on its hands and not try to whittle down" Japan's wide trade imbalance.

Mr. Bentsen said that the Clinton adminis-tration, faced with a wary Congress, was in no position to relinquish any trade weapons to which its trading partners might object.

"We have to continue to exercise what rights we have." he said.

Despite the U.S.-Japan wrangling, negotiators emerged from the meetings saying that they were ready to offer much more than the promises of a year-end deadline for a GATT deal that have been a common feature of past

G-7 summit meetings.
"In somewhat difficult economic times, this, is the moment when we should be bold and move forward," said Mickey Kantor, the chief U.S. trade negotiator. He said that after what he called the most intense series of talks since the Uruguay Round began in Montevideo in 1986, negotiators "are within striking distance of an agreement on the largest market-access package in history."

Nearly given up for dead several times, the Uruguay Round has in recent weeks once again emerged from its crypt. This is largely because See GATT, Page 17

In Central America, an Army Is Forever

By Douglas Farah Washington Post Service

TEGUCIGALPA, Hondaras - When General Luis Alonso Discua's term as head of the Honduran military was up earlier this year, he bullied a compliant congress into changing the law to allow his election to another three-year term.

In neighboring El Salvador, General René Emilio Ponce, the defense minister who was supposed to be purged for human-rights abuses by the end of last year, refused to go. When he finally presented his resignation in March, sources said, he warned President Alfredo Cristiani not to accept it, and General Ponce is to remain in command until at least June 30.

Meanwhile, the head of the Nicaraguan Army, General Humberto Ortega Saavedra, declines to say when he will step aside, even though his Sandinista party lost national elections three years ago and his presence has cost President Violeta Barrios de Chamorro aid and Analysis across Central America say the three cases exemplify the

most dangerous long-term legacy of the Cold War conflicts that swept the region in the 1980s: the military's continued dominance, even in

have democratically elected presidents and congresses. Washington no longer sees Central America's armies as essential and has slashed aid. The civilian leaders, for their part, have begun to demand cuts in military spending.

But the militaries in the region still view themselves as having ultimate responsibility in defining and protecting national interests. The feeling is summed up in the slogan painted at all military barracks in El Salvador: "The nation will live as long as the armed forces live." The generals believe civilians should be allowed to exercise power only as long as they do not interfere with the military or its self-defined

And so, the armies of the region have set aside long-standing international rivalries and begun consulting with each other on the changing situation. They have bluntly rejected civilian politicians' attempts to control their budgets.

Moreover, all three forces have moved to expand their economic everage, buying up or investing in businesses to guarantee independent and autonomous sources of funding.

"We are seeing the formation of a Central American guild of the military." said one veteran diplomat who has studied the militaries in the region for the last decade. "They have more in common with each

Belgrade Unrest Puts Pressure on Milosevic's Rule

By John Damton New York Times Service

BELGRADE - The politics of Yugoslavia sharpened Wednesday as the rule of President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia was attacked as totalitarian" by political opponents high and At the same time, following a night of violent

anti-government demonstrations in which 32 people were injured and a policeman was killed, rior police kept a conspicuous presence on the streets of the capital. With the country's foremost opposition leader still in custody after being beaten by police truncheons, they were keeping an eye out for

signs of more trouble. The level of public criticism directed at Mr. Milosevic was exceptional, since his control of the instruments of power is usually unchallenged. For six months, as the rump Yugoslavia fell under sanctions and pursed a foreign policy that alienated most of the world, his opponents

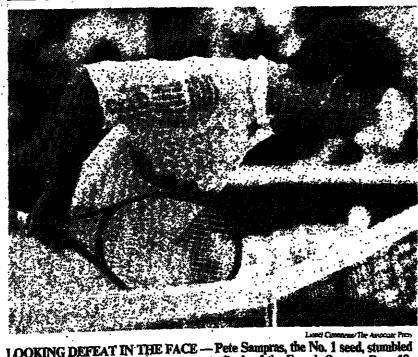
But the abrupt dismissal early Tuesday morning of the president of the Yugoslav Fed-eration and the handling of the protest outside lay low. the parliament building Tuesday night has prompted Mr. Milosevic's critics to come for-

On Wednesday, the president who was removed. Dobrica Cosic, issued a statement asserting that he had tried to bring reform and moderation to the country but was undone by "a state coup carried out through the parliament by Slobodan Milosevic."

Mr. Cosic alleged that an underhanded method had been used - a fabricated record of a meeting he held with army officers last week He said that the tactic showed that Mr. Mislo-sevic was "the ideological student of Stalin and

The outburst of public criticism against Mr. Milosevic, who has tight grip on Yugoslav political life, was rare. For two days he has kept a low profile and has not been seen in public. But no one thought that his rule was directly threat-

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LOOKING DEFEAT IN THE FACE - Pete Sampras, the No. 1 seed, stumbled into a loss to Sergi Bruguera in the quarterfinals of the French Open. Page 19.

Burundi President Loses Election

BUJUMBURA, Burundi (Reuters) — Melchior Ndadaye beat the military president, Pierre Buyoya, in Burundi's first free elections Wednesday to give the majority Hutu tribe its first national leader.

domination of the Hutu. Hundreds of thou-According to early official results, Mr. Ndadaye, 40, a banker, took 60 percent of sands of Hum were slaughtered in a series of uprisings over the last three decades. Science Scientists are making movies of the workings of Cambodia's royalist party won the UN-supervised

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Buyoya would win by a similar proportion.

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Cambodia Royalists Win, but Will Need Allies to Govern

By William Branigin

Washington Post Service PHNOM PENH — With 90 percent of the vote counted in Cambodia's United Nations-supervised elections, a royalist opposition group on Wednesday remerged with an insurmountable lead over the country's formerly Communist ruling party.

Overcoming a violent campaign against it by the Phnom Penh government, the United National Front for an Independent, Neutral, Peaceful and Cooperative Cambodia, known by its French acronym Funcinpec, has won the largest share of seats in a new parliament to be formed under a UN-sponsored peace plan, according to projections based on the latest results from the country's 21 provinces. But the results 'show the royalists falling short of a parliamentary -majority.

* The success of Cambodia's \$1.7 billion UN peacekeeping mission now depends in large part on the United Nations' ability to persuade the Vietnameseinstalled government to drop threats to reject the

BEIJING — The Chinese capital

is being reinforced by thousands of

extra police and troops for the fourth anniversary Friday of the

massacre of democracy activists near Tiananmen Square, sources

The authorities have beefed up

security on the vast esplanade itself

and at key road junctions, as well as

around university campuses, warn-

ing students not to join any activist

., In the early hours of June 4, : 1989, troops and tanks of the Peo-

ple's Liberation Army invaded

Tiananmen Square area in central

Beijing, brutally breaking up

groups of students and other dissi-

dents who had been gathered for

several weeks calling for more dem-

The number killed was estimated

Since then, the authorities have

ocratic freedoms, an end to confup-

tion and other reforms.

"UN Receives Pledges

GENEVA - The United Na-

tions said Wednesday that it expected to bridge a funding crisis

and maintain its humanitarian aid

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at several hundred.

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gatherings.

Despite signs Wednesday that the government was hardening its refusal to abide by the outcome. UN officials and diplomats said the authorities eventually would have no choice but to accept a reduced, but still

According to tallies compiled by the UN Transitional Authority in Cambodia, the royalists had nearly 46 percent of the total valid votes, followed by the governing Cambodian People's Party with 38 percent. The rest of the 20-party field lagged far behind, headed by the Buddhist Liberal Democratic Party

These results indicated that the royalist party stands to win about 57 of the 120 seats at stake in a new constituent assembly, with the People's Party taking about 52 seats. The assembly is charged with writing a new constitution, then turning itself into a parliament.

ssembly needed to pass a constitution.

The party is loyal to Prince Norodom Sihanouk, Cambodia's nominal head of state, and is headed by his 49-year-old son, Prince Norodom Ranariddh. It campaigned on a platform of turning over full state powers to Prince Sihanouk and returning Cambodia to its relatively tranquil days of the 1960s. Prince Sihanouk was overthrown in 1970 and the country was plunged into two decades of war, revolution, foreign

occupation, civil strife and isolation. The royalist party also advocated "reconciliation" with the radical Khmer Rouge guerrilla group, which dropped out of the UN peace process and opposed the

Evidently still stunned by its failure to win the clear victory its leaders had predicted, the People's Party withdrew its poll-watchers Wednesday from votecounting centers in a number of provinces in a sign that it was rejecting the results, UN officials said.

The party also added the populous province of mandate, it lacks the majority necessary to form a Kompong Cham to a list of four provinces in which it

demanded that the United Nations hold new elections because of alleged "irregularities." Kompong Cham, the home province of Prime Minister Hun Sen, gave

the governing parry one of its worst defeats.

A senior UN official said new elections were out of the question. He noted that Hun Sen agreed Saturday with UN officials and international observers that the voting in the elections from May 23 to 28 was free and

UN officials said a government campaign of violence and intimidation against the opposition in Kompong Cham and other important provinces apparently

backfired, alienating many voters.
In a press conference Wednesday, Prince Norodom
Sereyvuth, a top royalist party official who ran in Kompong Cham, said the party had asked its repre-sentatives to close their offices in remote areas because of an surge in violence by government forces in re-

sponse to the election results He called on the United Nations to resist the governing party's "blackmail" in threatening to reject the election results unless new balloting is held.

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Winnie Mandela Gets Jail Reprieve, **But Court Upholds Her Conviction**

JOHANNESBURG (WP) — South Africa's highest court upheld of 1991 kidnapping conviction against the anti-apartheid leader Winnie. Mandela on Wednesday, but it waived a six-year prison term that had been imposed by the trial court. Instead, Mrs. Mandela was ordered to pay fines and compensation totaling just under \$10,000.

Mrs. Mandela, the estranged wife of the African National Congress president, Nelson Mandela, was reported by friends to be estatic. Although her career within the official structures of the ANC has gone into a tailspin since the conviction, she remains a revered figure among the nation's militant black youth.

The unanimous judgment of the five-judge appeals court has been greeted in some quarters as more of a political than a legal ruling. "If they had put her in jail, there would have been an outery that would resounded to the heavens," said Alf Stadler, chairman of the Political Science Department at the University of Witwatersrand, where Mrs. Mandela, 58, is a student.

"Then she would have come out in a year or two with an even bigger following than she has now. So I don't know about the legal side of the decision, but the politics seem pretty adroit."

Deposed Leader Leaves Guatemala

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — President Jorge Serrano Elias left the country Wednesday for El Salvador the day after he was forced from office by the military, which promised to restore constitutional rule. In Washington, Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher said pressure from the United States and other countries had played a "signaticant role" in undercutting Mr. Serrano, who announced last week he was role" in undercutting Mr. Serrano, who announced last week he was suspending the constitution and ruling by decree. Mr. Christopher said that once the United States had "full assurance" that democracy has been restored, the \$30 million in suspended U.S. aid would be resumed.

In announcing Mr. Serrano's overthrow on national television Tuesday night, the defense minister, General José Domingo García Samayou, said, Responding to the clamor of the people, we hereby restore constitution-

Libyans Cut Short Visit to Jerusalem

JERUSALEM (Renters) — A group of Libyans left Jerusalem for home on Wednesday, cutting short an umprecedented Muslim pilgrisnage that ended up irritating both Israelis and Palestinians.

"The Libyan Arab pilgrims who came to holy Jerusalem leave it today eager to come back," Daw Tajouri, a spokesman for the Libyans, said as they boarded buses in East Jerusalem. About 200 Libyans took part.

Mr. Tajouri angered Israelis on Tuesday when he called on Muslims to libraria Jerusalem from Israel Palestinians also criticized the trip, feating liberate Jerusalem from Israel, Palestinians also criticized the trip, fearing it would help normalize relations between the two countries before Israel withdrew from Arab lands occupied in the 1967 Middle East war.

France Acts to Restrict Immigration

PARIS (Renters) — The French government approved curbs on immigrants Wednesday, the latest measure against foreigners. The bill would force many immigrants to wait longer for residency papers or the right to bring their families to France. It is part of a government strategy to stop immigration in a country suffering from record unemployment. The measure clamps down on polygamy, tightens rules on foreigners marrying French citizens in an effort to eliminate marriages of convenience, limits welfare benefits to foreigners and toughens rules allowing for expulsion.

Hungarian Party Expels Nationalist

BUDAPEST (Reuters) - Hungary's post-Communist governing party expelled a conservative nationalist, Istvan Csurka, from its parliamentary ving Wednesday, highlighting a growing crisis in the Hungarian Demo-

wing weunesday, inguigating a growing crists in the ruingarian Deutscratic Forum only a year before general elections.

The decision indicated that a party rift between nationalists, led by Mr. Csurka, and moderates led by Prime Minister Jozsef Antall was about to erupt into an open split. In addition to expelling Mr. Csurka and three of his supporters, the faction also dismissed two leading liberals, Jozsef Debreczen and Istvan Elek, at a late-night session.

Mr. Csurka said the moves portended the end of the Hungarian Democratic Forum. "Once the salami slicer starts moving it will not

stop," he said on Hungarian radio after the meeting.

Elevator's Fall Kills 12 in Hong Kong HONG KONG (AFP) - Twelve workers died Wednesday when the elevator in which they were riding fell 20 stories at a Hong Kong

construction site, the police said, The cause of the accident in the North Point district of Hong Kong island was under investigation by the government's labor department. A

labor department official said construction elevators at all building sites would be inspected beginning Thursday and warned that contractors violating safety laws would be prosecuted.

For the Record

President Lech Walesa called parliamentary elections for Sept. 19, and not Sept. 12, the date he had initially proposed. His office did not say why he changed his mind.

TRAVEL UPDATE

British Airways still faced the possibility of a strike by 17,000 cabin and ground workers after nearly six hours of talks between airline management and the Transport and General Workers' Union ended without agreement on Wednesday. A union source said the central dispute—over BA's plans to create a subsidiary operating at London's Gatwick airport that would pay lower wages — had not been resolved. (Reuters)

Record numbers of tourists are visiting Britain and spending more, the British Tourist Authority said Wednesday. It said 3.6 million visitors entered Britain in the first three months of this year and spent a record £1.5 billion, 13 percent more than in the same period last year. Officials said much of the rise was due to the pound's devaluation in September.

Delta Air Lines and Sahena have started a joint daily Brussels-Atlanta flight, Sahena said. The deal is a "blocked space" agreement. A Delta 767

will be used and the crew will be Delta and Sabena. Virgin Atlantic Airways plans to introduce, in November, infligital entertainment that probably will offer passengers video poker, slot machines or roulette, a spokesman said Wednesday.

Israel Lifts the Veil

knowledged Wednesday, for the first time, that a major in army intelligence was secretly tried and convicted in 1987 on charges of spying and having contacts with a foreign agent. Israeli sources said

The strongest militant Muslim belief challenged in this debate is the notion that the West is the Major Yosef Amit had been sentenced to 12 years in prison by a Arab states. regional court. He appealed, but his appeal was rejected in 1989, and the old left in the 1960s and picked

the statement said, Israeli government spokesmen refused to comment further on the

lims — in Afghanistan, during the but also outside it.

Mr. Amit, son of a policeman,

Mr. Anni was arrested in March 1986 at his home in Haifa. He was the case was kept secret until now convicted by a three-judge regional court in April 1987, and his appeals

His current lawyer, Shmuel Tzang, told state-run Israel Radio on Wednesday that Mr. Amit had Mr. Amit could not be learned. But not spied for "hostile countries" but that he could not say more because of restrictions on information about the case. He said he was

> Israeli television reported that Mr. Amit was to go before a com-

results and accept the end of its 14-year monopoly on

substantial, role in Cambodia's political life.

with less than 4 percent.

While the royalist party can claim the strongest

Beijing Bolstering Tiananmen Force

> At Beijing University, the cradle of the 1989 movement, the en-Tiananmen Square.

University sources said that the students had been warned and that

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their jail terms are also subject to taken no chances on the anniversastrict controls. Sources close to ry of the massacre, even though the Wang Dan, a leader of the democdissident movement was virtually racy movement who was released destroyed in the suppression that in February, said he had been ordered into the provinces during the

on began another attack Wednes-day on Western critics of Beijing's But it was still open Wednesday. with its usual large numbers of visihuman rights record, accusing The police presence, always heavy, was stepped up, with dozens

last week released one of the long-est-serving political prisoners, Xu Wenli, after 12 years in a Beijing

They have told the family of another well-known opposition fig-ure. Wang Juntao, who is serving a 13-year sentence and has serious health problems, that he could be

Jo Iraq through the summer. Mohammed Zajjari, the special UN coordinator on Iraq, said donor nations had indicated at a Geneva conference that they would meet at least half of a recent UN

HISTORY IN TIME

CHRONOPASSION

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and women equipped with cameras and two-way radios patrolling in

Thousands more were on alert in nearby barracks, Chinese sources

trances to the campus were heavily guarded. The university is 20 kilometers (12 miles) northwest of

teachers had been told to strictly enforce discipline.

of the massacre have been marked by students throwing bottles from dormitory windows in a not-so-subtle attack on China's elder statesmen, Deng Xiaoping, whose name is similar to the Chinese for "little bottle." Dissidents freed after serving

followed, with its leaders either jailed, exiled or brought into line. Previous years have seen the square closed for various reasons. The official Xinhua press agency

> them of interfering in China's internal affairs. But in a gesture of appeasement to those countries, the authorities

hospitalized soon. Five thousand people demonstrated in Hong Kong on Sunday to mark the anniversary, fewer than in previous years. A candlelight vigil is planned in the British colony on

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Troops marching Wednesday in Tianammen Square, as Beijing braced for the anniversary of its crackdown on democracy activists.

U.S. Prods North Korea on Nuclear Pact

UNITED NATIONS, New York - The United States made an 11th-hour bid on Wednesday to persuade North Korea not to quit the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty when senior officials from the two countries met in

North Korea had heightened suspicious that it was hiding a nuclear weapons program by giving three months' notice on March 12 of its intention to bow out of the treaty rather than permit two sites to be inspected by the Internaional Atomic Energy Agency.

for political-military affairs. Robert Gallucci.

and by North Korea's first vice foreign minis-

ter, Kang Sok Chu, met at the American UN mission, opposite UN headquarters. No comment was made by either delegation at the start of the talks. Mr. Gallucci told a Senate subcommittee last

week that the first aim of the talks would be to have the June 12 deadline lifted so that discussions could continue without that threat. "We want to resolve the nuclear issue before we go on to something else," he said. "Once it is

resolved, certainly the possibility of better eco-nomic and political relations are in prospect." The UN Security Council, in a May 11 resolution, called on North Korea to reconsider its Teams led by the assistant secretary of state decision to withdraw from the treaty.

up action by saying it would "consider further

The council set the stage for possible follow-

that the next step might involve imposing sanc-tions, the council has so far given no sign that it is contemplating such measures. The council resolution was adopted by a vote of 13 to 0, with two abstentions.

action as necessary." But despite speculation

They abstentions were from China, Pyong-yang's longtime ally, and Pakistan, which has

not signed the treaty and is sensitive to allegations that it is pursuing a nuclear weapons

North Korea justifies its action in quitting the treaty by saying that the United States still has nuclear weapons in South Korea and that annual U.S.-South Korean military maneuvers

spirit of Islam.

In this debate. Islamists of all

stripes are wrestling with funda-mental assumptions: Is the rela-

tionship with the West incompati-

ble with Islam? Is pluralism in

Arab politics banned by Islamic

law? Can Islamic prohibitions

against daily practices of the mod-

ern age, ranging from collecting in-terest on bank accounts, to banning

women from driving, lit in with the

In the end, the big question is

whether the extremist interpreta-tion of Islam can be a model for the

judge in Egypt's Supreme Court,

who has emerged as a principal

figure in favor of tolerant interpre-

recent writings, defending secular-ism as the value that must be

ists," he wrote, "because secular-

ists are not necessarily nonbelievers

but patriotic Arabs who, while re-

maining great believers in their reli-

gion, may see it necessary to sepa-rate the religion from the state."

cause of all Muslims' miseries.

up by the new religious right.

This conviction is an extension

of an ideological battle begun by

lim fundamentalists, is collapsing,

too. Hazem Sagieh, a respected

Lebanese journalist, has comed the

Documenting the cruelty and brutality of Muslims against Mus-

of Islam within various Arab coun-

phrase "Arab-Arab racism."

pointing fingers at others.

The issue is not who will stand up to the so-called 'atheist secular-

adopted by Arab societies.

Muslims Take Sides in 'Identity Debate' Many Arabs Search for Answers in a World Beyond Islam

More surprising, Mr. Alkhouli received a red-carpet reception. was granted an audience with Crown Prince Abdullah ibn Abdulaziz, and was invited by members of the royal family and other prominent Saudis to speak at public and private gatherings.

During a speech in which Mr. Alkhouli argued that world values beyond Islam are components of contemporary Arab culture, a man in the audience stood up to yell, "Mr. Lotli, repent to God!" But the fundamentalist critic was

Mr. Alkhouli's invitation was part of a growing trend by tradicularists and even Marxists to help battle fundamentalists determined to undermine established govern-

In Cairo, Tunis, Amman, Kuwait City, and perhaps most sur-prisingly here in Saudi Arabia, which already applies one of the dio hours. world's strictest Muslim codes, influential Arab voices are openly advocating secularism, moderniza-

They have the tacit, and sometimes overt, support of Arab ruling establishments concerned about the impact of extremists over social stability, international relations, economic progress, and their very

The phenomenon of questioning the motives, aims, and methods of fundamentalists was evident this winter at Cairo's Book Fair. "Terrorism" and "Fundamentalism" became the topics of multiple debates at the two-week fair, and Islamists often found themselves on

the defensive The debate behind the bloodshed and the pressure by religious conservatives for stricter adherence to fundamentalist principles boils down to whether the religion can serve as a political, economic, and governmental model for society.

In the past year, the issue, sometimes referred to as the "identity debate," has come to occupy miles of newspaper and magazine pages and hundreds of television and ra-

"The crisis we live in is a vicious struggle between individuals, orgagroups, and Arab regimes

get of fundamentalists. Governments are demanding

"Extremist fundamentalism is the result of Western behavior over centuries that has been unfair to Muslims, Still, as an Arab Muslim. I do not want to see the collapse of America," said Maaruf Dawalibi, former prime minister of Syria and a leading Muslim advocate who took refuge in Saudi Arabia several

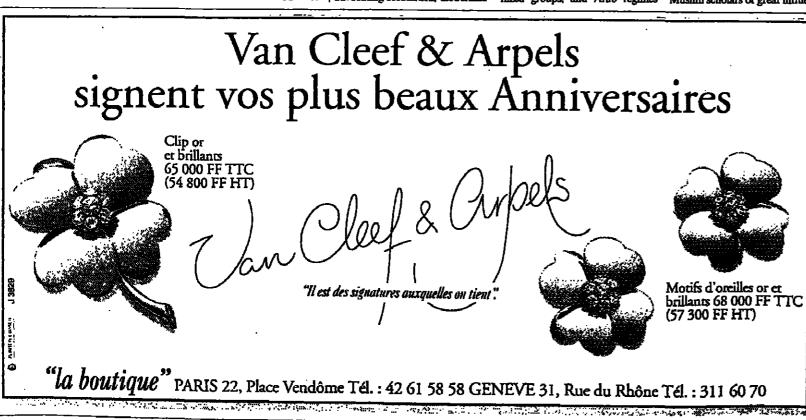
decades ago.

The debate has become the subject of differences within the fundamentalist establishment itself. In the past few months, senior Muslim scholars of great influence,

we deal with concepts of the state and religion, how do we cope with the age we live in, and what should our relationship with the 'other,' be, be that other persons, other creeds, other states, or other thoughts," said Mr. Alturki, whose high profile as a liberal in Saudi Arabia has made him a regular tar-

tion and pluralism as values that over the answer to fateful questions including Sheikh Abdelaziz ibn By Youssef M. Ibrahim belong alongside Islam. that deal with who we are: Are we Baaz, the blind cleric who is Saudi New York Times Service Arabia's most powerful religious figure, and Sheikh Mohammed Old-time leftists, kept under Muslims? Are we Arab national-RIYADH - Lotfi Alkhouli, one ists? Or are we all of this or parts of wraps for more than two decades, of Egypt's and the Arab world's and younger, unabashedly proit," said Hamad Alturki, a profes-Tantawi, the head of Egypt's Islambest known Marxist writers, was ic Jurisprudence, have openly sided Western Arabs, are bursting onto sor of political science in King Saud University in Riyadh. dumbfounded in April to receive with their governments, arguing strenuously that those who advointellectual ground exclusively rean invitation to Saudi Arabia, "People are tackling previously unheard questions such as how do served for militant Islamists or where his name has figured promi-nently on the blacklist for decades. Arab nationalists since the 1960s. cate violence to institute Islamic government are contravening the

that eminent Muslim scholars denounce the fundamentalists' violent grab for power as well as clarify their position over the hostility displayed by these movements toward the West and its influences.



tations of Islamic precents, wrote recently: "Politicized Islamic groups proclaim Islam to be a nation when in fact Islam is a reli-Makram Mohammed Ahmad, On Spy in Its Midst an Egyptian columnist who was the subject of a failed assassination attempt by Muslim terrorists, has taken this argument further in his

By David Hoffman Washington Post Service
JERUSALEM — Israel ac-

to protect the security of the state, But that argument, which captured the imagination of millions of secular leftist Arabs as well as Mus-

case. Details of the charges against the government statement suggest-ed that he was accused of espionage and that he had contacts with for-

eign agents not only inside Israel occupation of Kuwait, and in the In the last few years there has terrorism undertaken in the name been speculation that Israel had sought to exchange an unnamed, tries — Mr. Sagieh has called upon convicted spy for Jonathan Jay Pol-Muslims to look inward before lard, the former U.S. Navy intelli-

term for spying for Israel. However, it could not be determined if Israel had ever proposed such an exchange to the United States. Mr. Pollard was arrested in 1985 and

attended a prestigious school before serving in chite military units. the intelligence officer was accused of providing information to the United States. partly disabled and later joined army intelligence. In general, army intelligence is concerned with the

were rejected on Dec. 31, 1989.

still trying to have the sentence reduced, but did not elaborate.

mittee soon that could commute a third of his sentence for good belard, the former U.S. Navy intelligence officer now serving a life would be released next year.

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NEW YORK - President Bill Clinton's approval rating has fallen

to 37 percent in the last month and, if an election were held now, he might not win, according to a new public opinion poll. Moreover, 49 percent of voters disapprove of Mr. Clinton's performance as president, just the opposite of results in early May, when 49 percent approved and 37 percent disapproved, according to the poll conducted for CBS News.

The survey also found that 56 percent of voters are concerned that Mr. Clinton might make serious mistakes, while 36 percent say they trust him to deal with all the problems facing a president.

The poll was conducted among a nationwide sample of 1,184 adults who were interviewed by telephone May 27 to 29. The margin

of error is plus or minus 3 percentage points.
In January, before Mr. Clinton was inaugurated, 56 percent of Americans thought he could be trusted to deal with presidential issues. At that time, 74 percent also said they thought Mr. Clinton cared about the needs and problems of people like themselves. In the

latest poll, that number dropped to 58 percent. Nearly one in five of those who voted for Mr. Clinton in November say they would not woke for him now, according to the poll. If an election were held now with last year's candidates on the ballot, Mr. Clinton would get 35 percent of the vote, as would former resident George Bush, according to the poll. Ross Perot finish third, with 25

Deficit Management: Perot's Zero Has Defect

WASHINGTON — Ross Perot has spent the past two weeks belittling President Clinton in a nonstop series of television interviews, saying the president could not get a job above middle

management in private industry.

But the Texas businessman, who ran as an independent candidate for president last year, has a credibility problem of his own: His

numbers do not add up.

Mr. Perot says that Mr. Clinton has sent Congress a "tax-andspend" program that will not eliminate the deficit. In contrast, he asserts that his own plan, released during the campaign and contained in his most recent book; "Not For Sale At Any Price," would eliminate the deficit by 1998. But it appears he is off by roughly \$400

The reason is that Mr. Perot's plan is based on out-of-date deficit projections. "He's getting away with murder," said John P. White, the man who assembled the Perot plan last year and who later went on to become an adviser to Mr. Clinton.

Mr. Perot's budget plan is based on deficit projections issued in January 1992 by the Congressional Budget Office. But the most recent projections, issued in March 1993, show the deficit situation has deteriorated significantly.

Based on those new projections, Mr. Peror's plan would still leave a delicit of more than \$100 billion in 1998. When adjusted for other questionable savings on interest costs and unspecified program cuts, the deficit under Mr. Perot's plan could be closer to \$200 billion that year, somewhat higher than under Mr. Clinton's proposals. Alto-gether, the Perot plan fails to account for \$431 billion in additional deficits, according to projections by the budget office. (WP)

White House Travel Stand-In Got Commission

WASHINGTON - An airline charter executive brought into the White House travel office on a volunteer basis when career officials were dismissed two weeks ago received a \$1,400 commission for the first flight she arranged.

Penny Sample, president of Air Advantage of Albuquerque, New Mexico, returned the commission after the White House was asked about it, said George Stephanopoulos, senior adviser to Mr. Clinton, "It was a mistake," he said. "She did not realize the funds were going to her firm." (WP)

Quote/Unquote

President Clinton on his White House guests: "I like to go to the movies. I like manic, When proplets on the same are in movies on make, there's but problets dust like are guests at the White House. But my Bepair, preacher from Asianisas spends the might with me, and that's not newsworthy.

Away From Politics

• Deaths have risen to 12 in the far-like epidemic in New Mexico. And medical experts said possible cases were reported in Utah, Kansas and North Carolina. At least 25 people have been infected and 11 have died at or near the Navaho Indian reservation straddling the New Mexico-Arizona border.

 A California condor freed last year was electrocated by a power line, the second death in a program to revitalize the endangered species. The year-old female was killed by a 17,000-volt line south of the Sespe Condor Sanctuary in the mountainous Los Padres Nation-

e A lawsuit challenging voting rights to nonresident property owners was filed in the city of Salisbury, Maryland. "By granting voting rights based on property ownership alone, the Salisbury system draws an unconstitutional line between the haves and the havenots," said an attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union. The plaintiffs noted that Salisbury property owners who actually live in Boca Raton, Florida, can vote in Salisbury elections.

e John H. Marburger, president of the State University of New York at Stony Brook, announced that he would step down and return to teaching, ending a 13-year tenure marked by strains to maintain academic standards as state aid steadily declined.

Longest Heart Survivor, Arthur Gay, Dies at 56

WASHINGTON — Arthur F.
Gay, 56, the longest surviving heart transplant recipient, died of cancer Monday. He had lived with the donated organ for 20 years and four mountly.

He was born Herman (Somy) Blount in Rimningham. He used a four mouths.

Mr. Gay, from Temple Hills, Maryland, had been diagnosed with cancer of the esophagus two and a half weeks ago, said his wife, Cynthia B. Gay.
Mr. Gay's heart began to deteri-

orate after he contracted rheumatic fever when he was II, and by his tigue and shortness of breath. After receiving the transplant at the Medical College of Virginia Hospitals in Richmond, Virginia, on Jan. 11, 1973, he returned to work with the U.S. Postal Service.

According to the International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation, Mr. Gay was one of only a handful of heart transplant recipients to survive 20 years or longer. He was listed in the 1993 edition of the Guinness Book of World Records as the longest surviving heart-transplant recipient.

Sun Ra, 79, Leader Of Surrealist Jazz Band

New York Times Service Sun Ra, 79, a big-band leader pianist and surrealist of jazz, died Sunday in Birmingham, Alabama. latory problems and a series of greeting cards, dolls, games and

Sun Ra was jazz's most theatrical strokes band leader. A performance of his would feature snything from large drum choirs and African-style

chants to orchestral be-bop, free

Blount in Birmingham. He used a series of catch phrases and songs that emphasized both his carefully constructed persona and his selfproclaimed origins on Saturn 5,000 years ago. "Mister Re, Mr. Ra," went one song. Another was called "Space Is the Place."

Sun Ra became a seminal figure in the renewal of interest in the jazz world. Sun Ra's band kept its core members, including the saxophon-ists John Gilmore, Marshall Allen and Pat Patrick, and was often a haven for musicians down on their

Donn B. Tatum, 80, the first nonfamily member to head Walt Dis-ney Productions, died of cancer Monday in Pacific Palisades, Cali-

Marjorie Headerson Buell, 88, creator of the cartoon character Little Lulu, died Sunday in Oberlin, Ohio. She first drew Lulu, the girl who outwitted neighborhood boys, in 1934 for the Saturday Evening Post. Lulo became a subject of

Gonzalo Barrios, 90, a founder of Venezuela's Democratic Action party, died of respiratory problems Sunday in Caracas.

His-Eye on Center, Clinton May Drop Rights Nominee

By Paul F. Horvitz mational Herold Tribune

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton signaled Wednesday that he may bow to political pres-Sure and abandon his nominee to the top civil rights post in the Jus-

The move, if carried out, would coincide with Mr. Clinton's conspicuous remm to political centrism, with his appointment of a former Reagan administration strategist as his chief adviser, and With his new willingness to meet the demands of moderate and conservative senators who hold crucial votes in the battle over his budget

Should Mr. Clinton abandon the nominee, Lani Guinier, it would spark heated protests from black leaders, some of whom reacted swiftly Wednesday to news reports that the nominee would be

Ms. Guinier, 43, who is black, is a law professor at the University of Pennsylvania. She was nominated by Mr. Clinton several weeks ago head the Justice Department's civil rights division, which enforces anti-discrimination and equal opportunity laws.

Some senators have expressed concern over Ms. Guinier's academic writings about the Voting Rights Act, saying she has advocated extremist proposals for giving minorities more influence in legis-

Asked Wednesday about the status of the appointment, which requires Senate confirmation, the president said he needed to "take into account where the Senate is" and speak with some senators before commenting further.

While saying that some of Ms. Guinier's writings on civil rights had been unfairly attacked and that she was a "first rate" civil rights attorney, the president said he did not agree with all of her legal

Mr. Clinton demonstrating how not to hold a howling ball during a visit to Milwankee with Health Secretary Donna E. Shalala, right. "I think that I have to talk to said Wednesday that Ms. Guinier vately," Mr. Clinton said.

Previously, the White House had praised Ms. Guinier and declared that the nomination would go for White House aides that Ms. GuinWhite House aides that Ms. GuinJudiciary Committee. that the nomination would go forward. George Stephanopoulos, a ier would be supported.

top Clinton aide, acknowledged

Little Backing in Senate Wednesday that opposition was mounting in the Senate.

Attorney General Janet Reno ington:

some of the senators about it be- was an "excellent lawyer" and said crats have told the White House explain herself, convince people cause of the reservations that have she had beard nothing from the that it must withdraw the Guinier that what she wrote was just a lot of been raised, both publicly and pri- White House to indicate that her nomination, noting that in a confirname would be withdrawn. Black mation battle she was likely to win leaders said that, as late as Tuesday approval from only a small minor-

> Neil A. Lewis of The New York man of the Judiciary Committee, Times reported earlier from Wash-

About two dozen Senate Demoity of the 18 members of the Senate

Senator Joseph R. Biden Jr., Democrat of Delaware and chairgave only the barest suggestion that Ms. Guinier could be confirmed.

academic musing, who knows?" Mr. Biden said. "I suppose it's conceivable that

she could be confirmed. If she in the theories that she sets out in

of opinion within the administra-tion about whether Ms. Guinier could still win confirmation.

"Unfortunately, she's been demonized to a degree that it makes our problem very complicated,"

the official said. In law review articles and elsewhere, Ms. Guinier has said that although the Voting Rights Act had given blacks a chance to elect blacks at all levels of government,

that had often proved insufficient. Even if blacks elect blacks, Ms. Guinier has argued, they will remain in the minority and may be outvoted and ignored by the white majority. For such cases, she has proposed a variety of voting schemes to give minorities a greater influence over legislative outcomes.

She has also said that in certain circumstances black legislators should have some kind of a veto over issues affecting their constitu-

To her critics, her theorizing is erounded in a troubling and hardened "we-they" view of racial politics and an insupportable interpretation of the scope of the Voting Rights Act, which she would be in charge of enforcing if confirmed.

Her supporters say her views have been caricatured, largely by rightist groups who are looking to wound the president. Ms. Guinier spent much of last

week in courtesy calls to several senators, seeking to explain how she felt she had been misunder-

stood. Senate aides said that Ms. Guinier emphasized in her meetings that her proposed remedies would apply only in isolated situations when there was a finding that other solu-

tions have not worked. Ms. Guinier is a close friend of comes up here and says she believes the Clintons'. It is unclear what role the first lady, who is believed her articles and is going to pursue to be Ms. Guinier's strongest supporter, will play in deliberations on At the White House, an official how to proceed with the nomina-

Democratic Critic of Clinton Plan Sees Possible Compromise

By David S. Hilzenrath and Eric Pianin Weshington Post Service

WASHINGTON - Senator David L. Boren of Oklahoma, the leading Democratic critic of President Bill Clinton's budget in the Senate, has made it clear that he still opposes the economic plan despite his comment over the weekend that he felt the prospects for compromise had improved greatly.

In a statement, Mr. Boren, a pivotal vote on the Senate Finance Committee, said the plan "must not include a Btu tax" on energy, that "spending cuts must be greater than tax increases" and that "rumaway entitlement spending must be controlled."

Mr. Boren said Tuesday he was "optimistic" that the growth of entitlement programs, which provide tion officials "were saying, 'No, we aren't going to agreement could be reached — because the administration direct benefits, like welfare and Medicaid, the health compromise at all." tration has been moving in his direction.

Dan Webber, the senator's press secretary, said he did not "think anything has changed" as far as Mr. be willing to go along with some kind of energy tax. In Boren's position was concerned.

ago for a radical revision of Mr. Clinton's economic plan. They proposed abandoning the proposed energy tax and achieving much deeper spending cuts, largely by relating Medicare health-insurance premiums for the elderly to recipients' income levels, limiting Social improved 100 percent, he means from how dismal they Security retirement inflation adjustments and capping

program for the poor.

In a TV interview Sunday, Mr. Boren said he would what struck some lawmakers and administration offi-Mr. Boren joined Senator John C. Danforth, Republican of Missouri, and others in calling two weeks actions improved the chances "by about 100 percent" that "we're going to be able to work out an agreement"

were before," the spokesman said, when administra-

Based on the way Mr. Boren has been calculating the mix of lax increases and spending cuts in the Clinton budget, fulfilling Mr. Boren's conditions would require shifting more than \$50 billion from the proposed five-year tax increase to the spending-cut column. That could be a major challenge.
Within the Finance Committee, "It'd be very diffi-

cult to get the II Democrats to agree on that," said the committee's staff chief, Lawrence O'Donnell.

Mr. Boren has considerable leverage on the Finance Committee because Democrats hold only an 11-to-9 majority there.

U.S. Solicits Medical Complaints By Marlene Cimons Los Angeles Times Service

WASHINGTON - The Food and Drug Administration has annonnced a major overhaul of a program that asks physicians and other health professionals to report adverse reactions or deaths linked to drugs, medical devices and other

Many past medical disasters could have been prevented or less-ened if the health community had been more vigilant about alerting the agency, it said. As an example, it cited the problems associated with silicone gel breast implants, which had been on the market for more than 30 years before scattered reports of problems drew the agency's attention. Only recently have they been taken off the market.

Called MEDwatch, the program is supported by an unusual coali-tion of medical groups, including the American Medical Association and the Public Citizen Health Research Group.

"What this is about is trying to change the culture of medicine so that reporting products that cause harm becomes a part of it," the agency's commissioner, David A. Kessler, said. "Right now, the average physician doesn't even know there's a system in place for report-ing. This has to change."

Doctors, nurses, dentists and others are "the first to know when a drug or medical device does not perform as it should," he said. "The sooner they report it" the faster the agency can "take corrective action."



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BELGRADE - The deputy head of UN forces in the er Yugoslavia said Wednesday that ethnic strife in the Kosovo region of Southern Serbia and in Croatia was potentially more "dangerous" than the current fighting in Bosnia.

Cedric Thornberry, the civilian official in charge of more than 25,000 UN personnel stationed throughout what used to be republics of Yugoslavia, said that the conflict in Bosnia was "a confusing image of general mayhem with the danger of dissent into anarchy in many areas."

Casualty Toll Hits 500 in UN Forces In the Balkans

BELGRADE — The casualty toll among the United Nations peacekeeping forces in former Yugoslavia has reached 500, including 142 deaths, a UN official said Wednesday.

That amounts to more than one casualty a day for the 25,000-member multinational contingent in Croatia, Bosnia and Macedonia in the 450 days since its first members

arrived in the region.
"Yesterday, with the wounding of three of our French soldiers at Sarajevo airport, we arrived at the unhappy figure of 500 casualties since this operation began, of whom 42 have been fatal," said Cedric Thornberry, deputy chief of the peacekeeping forces. The fig-ures do not include UN and other aid workers, many of whom have also been killed and wounded in the fighting in former Yugoslavia.

"a low-level, iocalized conflict" with constantly shifting alliances. He added: "The situation in Bosnia, however grave from a humanitarian standpoint, really comes after these other two in terms of their

ethnic groups.

Mr. Thornberry said.

There are two initiatives under are deeply suspicious."

— JOHN DARNTON

SERBS: Pressure on Milosevic

Continued from Page 1

ened by the events. If anything in removing Mr. Cosic, he proved his political muscle. On Tuesday, a vote of no confidence in Mr. Cosic was rushed through parliament, supported by the two main parties. Mr. Milose-vic's Socialists and the ultranationalist Serbian Radical Party. Mr. Cosic, 72, an intellectual whose nationalistic views were less extreme than those of some of his opponents, had for months been a target of ultranationalists grouped around Vojislaw Seselj, a Bosnian

Meanwhile on Wednesday, six small opposition parties rallied around Vuk Draskovic, the leader of the Serbian Renewal Movement. who was picked up by the police at his party headquarters Wednesday morning. Several dozen other party

handcuffed and then beaten by the police in the elevator of the party building, outside on the sidewalk, in the police car and at police headquarters. They said his wounds. and those suffered by his wife, were serious and required surgery. Late Wednesday the party re-

are literally fighting for their lives, the statement said, adding that no one had been allowed to visit them. But mystery about Mr. Draskovic's condition deepened when state television broadcast an interview with a doctor who said he had

Mr. Draskovic can be detained for three days without being formally charged. A police statement issued Wednesday said that criminal charges would be brought against him. The police allege that Mr. Draskovic led an attack by protesters on the parliament

leaders, including Mr. Draskovic's an Radical Party had struck a wife, Danica, were also detained. member of Mr. Draskovic's party Spokesmen for the party assert- in a corridor of the parliament Mr. Cosic's removal. For several hours the demonstrators, numbering from 3,000 to 4,000, battled police with rocks under a torrent of tear gas and rubber bullets.

potential danger."

could spread to Macedonia and engulf the whole region, he suggested.

The "next most dangerous situation it in and around Croatia," where since Jan. 22 there has been a resumption of hostilities between Croats and Serbian irregulars, Part of Croatia includes an area known as the Krajina, an enclave of thousands of Serbs surrounded by other

the Draskovics' "lives are in danger because of serious injuries." We have information that they

treated the opposition leader at an emergency clinic and that his wounds were superficial.

The protest began when news

Among the 32 persons brought to the hospital, 16 were policemen.

He said the most serious was in Kosovo, Serbia's southernmost region and the cradle of Serbian nationalism. There heavily armed Serbian security forces retain control of a population that is 90 percent ethnic Albanian. A conflict

He said fighting there had con-tinued intermittently and the danger of an escalation was large, "not east because of the tendency of both sides to shell each other's civilian areas with great gusto." With gangs and criminals roaming about the lawlessness suggested "a return to the lurid caricature of the Wild West of the American 1880s,"

way in Croatia, one to implement a UN resolution calling for Croatian troops to move back to a previous confrontation line and for Serbs to put their heavy arms in storage and another to simply secure an interim cease-fire. Both negotiations were complicated "because both sides

leased a statement asserting that

spread that a member of the Serbi-

In all, 121 people were detained.

Bosnia Reports 'Inferno' as Serbs Attack Enclave

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina - Bosnian Serbian artillery hammered the Muslim enclave of Gorazde on Wednesday, as ground troops were reported to have overrun two villages on the outskirts of the town. "A real inferno is happening in the parts of

The situation is getting worse by the hour.
The aggressor has brought in fresh forces."
According to the radio. Serbian ground forces stormed Ustipraca and Mededa on the approaches to Gorazde, burning both vilages to the ground.
United Nations officials confirmed Bosni-

an government reports of a fierce assault on Gorazde, one of the last major Muslim enclaves in Bosnia-Herzegovina. The offensive, in its fifth day, seemed

aimed at expanding Serb-held territory as the world vacillates on ways of ending the carnage. The radio said that survivors were

to impose peace by force, calling the region 'Clinton's graveyard."

Gorazde and five other Muslim-held regions have been declared safe areas by the United Nations, under a plan aimed at protecting civilians while the international community agonizes over how to end the war.

percent of the republic's territory, seem to be coast. simply ignoring the "safe havens" concept. Besides the fighting in Gorazde, Serbian gunners on Sunday pounded Sarajevo, an-other designated safe area. Serbian mortar blasts Tuesday killed 15 people watching or playing soccer in a Sarajevo suburb.

Sarajevo radio reported that fresh Serbian forces had been sent into the battle for Gorazde, home to 70,000 residents and refugees. Forty-one villages had been burned in recent days. "Gorazde looks more and more like a mass grave," said the broadcast.

and state television said that a Yugoslav patrol boat had fired on an Italian fishing vessel, killing a crew member and wounding another. A television news report said the a military harbor after the attack "at the edge The Bosnian Serbs, who hold more than 70 of international waters" off the Montenegrin

The Defense Ministry said the Italian Navy was still trying to determine where the incident had occurred and what had taken place. The ministry confirmed that an Italian had died, but gave no details about a clash, which would be worst at sea between the two countries since the start of the Yugoslav

The United Nations said Wednesday it would continue supplying relief aid to Bosnia despite a 24-hour suspension of the airlift to Sarajevo and attacks on convoys that have

taken the lives of five aid workers in the last

In a related development, Italy ordered a naval alert in the Adriatic on Wednesday, few days.

All the countries involved in humanitarian aid flights will decide in Sarajevo on Thursday when to resume the flights, which were suspended Wednesday after two French legionnaires were seriously wounded by sniper

fire at Sarajevo airport overnight. The killings of three Italian volunteers in central Bosnia on Saturday and two Danish convoy drivers near the northern town of Maglaj on Tuesday provoked widespread anger from Western governments and calls to strengthen protection for UN aid convoys.

The Italian government urged the UN secretary-general and the Security Council on Wednesday to authorize appropriate military protection for civilian aid convoys in the former Yugoslavia, and both Italy and Den-mark said that the UN peacekeeping contin-(Reuters, AP, AFP)

French Court Opens Way to Try Vichy Collaborator the initiative in imposing anti-Selecting Jewish hostages who were

Bosnian Muslims, led by a policeman, using wrecked cars as cover from Serbian snipers as they made their way through a sector of the Sarajevo suburb of Dehrinja.

By William Drozdiak

PARIS - A French appeals court ruled Wednesday that a wartime Nazi collaborator, Paul Tou-vier, should stand trial for crimes against humanity in the execution seven Jewish hostages in 1944 during the German occupation.

The decision would make Mr. Touvier, 78, a former police intelligence officer under France's wartime Vichy regime, the first French-man to stand trial for crimes against humanity.

The case is considered a key test of whether France is prepared to sailles said the trial could proceed acknowledge that French citizens took part in acts of genocide tuted a crime against humanity, for against Jews.

Mr. Touvier is charged with se-

then murdered by the Gestapo in retaliation for the killing of a high Vichy official by French resistance He was arrested in Nice in 1989

after 40 years in hiding, at times in Roman Catholic monasteries. A lower court dismissed six other charges of war crimes against Mr.

Touvier last year, declaring that the statute of limitations had lapsed. During his years on the run, Mr. death in absentia. But the appeals court in Ver-

overcome its official reluctance to on the charge of choosing the executed hostages because this constiwhich there is no time limit. The earlier decision, handed

down by a panel of three judges. prompted an outery from historians that the French judicial establishment was seeking to perpetuate a whitewash of the era of French complicity with the Nazis.

More than 76,000 Jews includ-ing 11,000 children, were rounded up and deported to concentration camps by the French police. Only 2,500 survived.

Mr. Touvier worked closely with Klaus Barbie, the SS officer known convicted of crimes against humanity in 1987 and died in prison four lieve that his health or procedural years later.

The Barbie trial and earlier research by historians demonstrated year, as scheduled. that French collaboration with the Nazis was far from passive and that, in fact, the Vichy regime took claiming that an "absence of crimi- they will be tried.

mitic laws.

Serge Klarsfeld, a Nazi hunter, elcomed the decision. "It's a good thing that after 20

years of stalling in the courts," he said, "Touvier will have to answer for his crimes in a criminal court." "This is not a victory, but rather the recognition of his responsibility and his guilt,' Mr. Klarsfeld said on French radio.

prostate cancer, and many still beproblems will prevent his trial from taking place before the end of the

appeal the case to a higher court,

nal intent" should nullify charges of crimes against humanity. They also contend he was a rela-

being forced to serve as a scapegoat while more senior figures escape.) Bonn and Paris as the foundation.
Two other cases involving war of the defease entry.

crimes have been stalled in the courts for a decade. They include fy the Maasticht treaty on politicharges against René Bousonet, the "cat, economic and monetary union head of national police during the as soon as possible, war, and Maurice Papon, who was On trade. Mr. Kohl endorsed a top law enforcement figure in the France's call for General Agree-

Both men have been accused of

coordinating most of the deporta-tions of French Jews from 1942 to 1944. They went on to successful His lawyers say they intend to careers in business and industry. Both are now 83, so it is doubtful

Mitterrand **And Kohl** In Accord On Bosnia

Compiled by Our Staff From Departmen BEAUNE, France - The leaders of France and Germany reached agreement Wednesday on settling a dispute over the crisis in Bosnia and called for a new inpulse for European Community integration once Britain ratifies the Treaty on European Union.

Ending a two-day summit meeting in the French wine producing center of Beaune, President Francois Mitterrand and Chancellor Helmu Kohl said in a statement that the Vance-Owen peace plan was the sole valid solution to the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina.
Playing down differences over

the five-nation Washington "action plan" of last month on the former Yugoslavia, they said the establishment of safe areas for Bosnian Mushims was only a first step to enforcing the plan drafted by the two mediators, Lord Owen and Cyrus R. Vance. The statement stressed that they

would not accept facts created by force nor lift sanctions on Serbia until Bosnian Serbian troops withdrew from conquered areas. Mr. Kohl said the most impor-

tant point for Germany was a phrase saying a settlement must guarantee the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Bosnia-Herzegovina."

Germany was irked at being left out of the Washington meeting of U.S., Russian, French, British and Spanish foreign ministers, and raised "critical questions" about

the accord. Aides quoted Defense Minister Volker Rithe as saying the Washington declaration reflected a "morally catastrophic attitude toward Serbian territorial gains and only pledged protection for UN

peacekeepers in Bosnia. Mr. Mitterrand acknowledged there were still points of discord with Bonn but said they had established many points in common.

The statement mentioned the Washington accord only in a subphrase, noting it had largely adopted European Commun ideas aimed at a gradual implementation of the Vance-Owen plan.

In addition, a joint declaration reaffirmed the two countries' backing for a "European defense and security entity" in the EC as a "contribution to the European pillar" of NATO and welcomed Belginn's decision to start consulta-tions on joining a joint military force, the European Corps.
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tively insignificant official wiso is - French German, but open to al EC countries and is considered by

ment on Tariffs and Trade talks to be conducted globally and not single out agriculture.

Both Mr. Kohl and Prime Minis-

ter Edouard Balladur of France hailed an EC agriculture ministers' agreement last week increasing compensation for farm land takente out of production and raising France's milk quota as steps to ease a GATT deal. (Reuters, AFP)

GERMANY: A Lone Arsonist and His 'Deep Hatred'

their terrible deed on the spur of the moment and then go and carry Alexander von Stahl, the chief

federal prosecutor, said Mr. Riha had originally told investigators that he set the fire with four other youths. But late Tuesday he retracted that statement, which led the police to halt their search for the four, Mr. von Stahl added.

German reporters on Wednesday night that the youth now says two tothers were involved in the attack. An investigator in Düsseldorf said Mr. Riha had been setting fires since he was 8 years old and had come to police attention in forest-

fire cases as well as in urban crimes.

An attorney for Mr. Riha told

has participated in the beatings of Turks in Solingen.

Frustrated politicians and police officers say it is impossible to pre-vent the attacks of free-lance terrorists, which are neither choreographed by organized groups nor planned before the violent end of a drunken evening.

A government spokesman, Dieter Vogel, warned against expecting the state to halt attacks against foreigners. He said there were "definite limits" to what the government Bonn officials said the youth had could achieve.

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Herald Eribune.

been known to local police for several years as a soccer hooligan who exist," he said, "either for Germans or foreigners.

Despite the highly publicized po-The police took Mr. Riha's lice crackdown on neo-Nazi orgamother from her Solingen home on Wednesday night to protect her nizations around Germany last autumn, even the organized far right against threatened revenge attacks, is once again brazenly defying government bans.

The National Front, the largest neo-Nazi group banned after the violence last year, has resumed activity as the Social-Revolutionary Workers Front. The group, based in the eastern city of Cottbus, openly calls itself a successor to the National Front, even though the Bonn government forbade the group to reorganize.

According to a copy of the magazine obtained by the Berliner Zeitung daily, neo-Nazis are being instructed to conduct attacks "correctly, with clear goals and plans." Potential terrorists are told to keep their attack forces to a minimum, and to carry gloves, "storm belimets," coins for telephone calls, and a lawyer's tele-

By reaching out to their anonymous readers, publications such as Angriff hope to spread neo-Nazi terror even as their own groups remain small enough to avoid much attention from law enforce-

ment officials. Only 4 percent of rightist ex-tremist crimes committed in 1991 were performed by members of radical organizations, according to from Parliament on Wednesday as

The realization that such attacks tive in Sicily. are as likely to come from the neighbor's teenage son as from one taining explosive chemicals and a of the country's tiny far-right par- detonator from a small Fiat after it ties has unleashed a storm of socio- had been spotted on the back seat logical speculation on the roots of by a passing officer.

Germany's problem.

The bomb "could have had cata-

Sociologists, psychologists and strophic effects if it had gone off," political scientists filled the air- said Elveno Pastorelli, director of waves with talk of deficits in the Italy's civil protection agency.

German political culture, educa
He told RAI television that the tion system and parenting meth-device was similar to the one set off ods. Most analysts saw German in Florence last Thursday that reunification and its resulting eco-nomic and social upheaval as dam-damaged the Uffizi Gallery and its aging to self-confidence and to the priceless art collection. reputation of role models, and felt. The Fiat spotted Wednesday, that many youths had thus been said to have been stolen, was pushed to seek comfort and compa-ny in extremist circles. parked off Rome's central Via Del Corso, between Parliament and the

EUROPEAN TOPICS

For Some Rolling Livestock, Open Borders Are Harmful

Europe's new open borders have meant new hardship for livestock. Until the end of last year, trucks carrying pigs, horses, sheep or cows were stopped at European Community borders, where the animals' welfare was, at least in theory, checked on. Now truckers can drive unhindered for days, and some do -40, 50, 60 hours or more, sometimes without watering or feeding the animals they

EC guidelines call for animals to receive water at least every 24 hours, to be given sufficient space during transport, and to be checked by veterinarians both on departure and arrival. But enforcement varies consider ably between countries, reports Die Zeit of

Hamburg.

Animal protection groups have lobbied for stricter regulations, which have been supported by the governments of Britain, Germany, the Netherlands and Denmark. But France. Italy and Spain have generally resisted any

Meanwhile, long-haul transport is often

torture for the millions of animals shipped

As an example, shippers expect to lose up to 20 percent of the swine they transport, says Wolfgang Apel of the German Animal Protection Association. Last year, that would have meant the death by thirst or starvation

Around Europe

The GUM department store, a Moscow landmark, is celebrating its 100th birthday with music and entertainment. And in a throwback to the past, colorful market stalls are being set up on adjoining Red Square. For centuries, the site was covered with

open-air stalls. But the wooden structures

tended to catch fire, especially in winter. Finally, in 1893, what was Europe's largest department store opened its doors. The building — a series of galleries linked by little bridges and covered by a glass roof - became a favored destination for shoppers.

That changed with the 1917 revolution. GUM's shops were first nationalized, then

closed in favor of office space. With Stalin's death, GUM returned to its original vocation, but the old glitz was gone. Stores were poorly stocked, and grim-faced militiamen enforced the no-smoking rule. Then in 1989 the circle was closed: GUM became one of the first joint-stock companies in the collapsing Soviet empire, and foreign shops began to move in.

Despite their high prices, boutiques from Christian Dior to Samsonite are luring thousands of shoppers. The shops with stalls on Red Square this week will give 75 percent of

their proceeds to the renovation of the GUM

building, expected to cost \$200 million.

In recent years, the village of Nevoy in central France has been overwhelmed by an annual assembly of Gypsies from all over Europe — about 30,000 this year. What makes this unusual is that the visitors are Pentecostalists, not followers of more traditional Gypsy belief. The community is said to trace its roots to 1949, when a young Gypsy boy with tuberculosis made a surprising re-covery after a Pentecostal pastor prayed for him. An umbrella group now has 100 prayer centers in France and owns 130 hectares (320 acres) near Nevoy, complete with a big-top tent that can hold 7,000 people.

Most of the Gypsies are merchants and artisans and make comfortable livings. But when their cars and trailers begin to line the roads near Nevoy, they sometimes encounter problems with resentful locals, like the barkeeper at a botel in nearby Gien who refused to serve a group of Gypsies until one pulled out a 500-franc bill — the cost of a night's lodging.

Brian Knowlton

Police in Rome Disarm Big Car Bomb

ROME — A potentially deadly a new study in the journal Deutschthe country's leaders celebrated the capture of another top Mafia fugi-

The police removed a box con-

Memorial to the Unknown Soldier bomb that would have gone off at in Piazza Venezia. At the memorial, President Os-

car Luigi Scalfaro had earlier led celebrations to mark the 47th anniversary of the founding of the re-Shortly after Mr. Scalfaro declared to diplomats and armed

Fiat. Officers watched its progress Investigators said they estimated the explosive mixture would have had the force of about 20 kilograms (44 pounds) of dynamite, a tenth of the amount involved in the Florence explosion.

Franco Mottola. "It was a proper eastern Sicily

Prime Minister Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, whose office adjoins Parliament, said of new bomb: "It is an intimidation against our work." forces chiefs that "Italy has chosen democracy and peace," the streets

the signal."

tourists, he said.

Both the Florence device and another car bomb that caused several were cleared and a small robot on injuries when it exploded in Rome wheels began breaking into the on May 14 have been officially laid when his suspected deputy. Beneto the Mafia Earlier Wednesday, Italian leaders praised law enforcement offi-

Parked near the entrance to the

popular Trevi Fountain, it could

have caused extensive injuries to

cials for scoring another coup against the Mafia with the arrest of useppe Pulvirenti, 63. He was seized in an early morning raid on an underground bunker "It was meant to do much more at a house near Catania, Sicily, af-

Interior Minister Nicola Mancino, jubilant, said he believed more arrests from the list of 24 Malia fugitives could come soon.

The seizure of Mr. Pulvirenti was

the third major police success against organized crime this year. The first came in January when Salvatore (Toto) Riina, the suspected boss of bosses, was captured in Sicily after 23 years in hiding.

The second was two weeks ago detto Santapaola, was detained. The police said Mr. Pulvirenti was wearing a so-called "ring of the 12 bosses" when he was arrested. Malia defectors have described the rings with their 12 small diamonds

Mr. Pulvirenti had been a fugi-tive since 1982, when the first of a than just make a point, though, ter 11 years on the run. The police tive since 1982, when the first of a said Rome's carabinieri chief, say he was the Mafia's top leader in series of warrants for murder and conspiracy was issued against him.

as badges of rank worn by the orga-

nization's leaders.

COMMAND: Military Might

Continued from Page 1 other than with any national civilian government, and they are looking for preservation of privilege

and power."

The diplomat warned that the "unequal competition" between the military and the private sector was the "biggest threat to free open-market policies" because the military would be unwilling to tolcrate competition in the industries it controlled. As Central Americans struggle

to curtail the swollen budgets and

political turf of their military estab-

lishments, many accuse the United States of tolerating human-rights

abuses and economic corruption in the region's armies throughout the Even U.S. officials say that their efforts to help armies fight insur-gencies sometimes conflicted with their attempts to promote good government. "What we were trying to do was extremely difficult," said Elliou Abrams, who led the Reagan administration's Central
America policy. "We were trying to
strengthen the military as an institution and at the same time strengthen civilian control of the

government. It was quite a neat trick, but I think we had some suc-Still, the imbalance of power perpetuated by U.S. policy is clearly evident in Honduras, which during the long U.S.-backed war against Nicaragua's Sandinista government earned the ironic nickname "USS Honduras" among Latin politicians, journalists and diplomats. Honduras served as a logistical base for the contras, who were fighting the Sandinistas, and American officials acknowledge that aid was handed out in Tegoci-

"Everything that was being done here was being done to defeat Marxist-Leninism," said Alfredo Landaverde, a Christian Democratic congressman. "There was Corruption in everything and the U.S. had to accept it because it was being done by their allies in the

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HEALTH/SCIENCE

Medical Movies: On Bosh Watching the Brain at Work

Fast Imaging Sheds Light On Thoughts and Dreams

employ much higher magnetic fields and are used only for research.

The concept was pioneered by Sir Peter Mansfield of Nottingham,

England, further developed by Dr.

Seiji Ogawa at Bell Laboratories in Murray Hill, New Jersey, and first demonstrated in August 1991 by

Dr. Kenneth Kwong of Massachusetts General Hospital.

Fast MRI exploits the fact that

activated brain cells use more oxy-

gen as fuel than cells at rest. When

a network of cells is called upon to

carry out a task, like recognizing a face or imagining a picture, those cells release a chemical that sum-

mons oxygenated blood from tiny

arteries in the brain. As the blood

gives up its oxygen, it moves past the brain cells to hook up with tiny veins that will carry it back to the

longs. The MRI machine is able to

detect the motion of this blood flow

because deoxygenated blood car-

ries a faint magnetic signal distinct from oxygenated blood.

The fast MRI machine locates

these faint signals and, through computer enhancement tech-

niques, produces movies of the ac-

tivated brain networks, Dr.

Schneider said. "In half a day we

take in a gigabyte of data," he add-

ed. "This technique is not for the computationally fainthearted."

By Sandra Blakeslee New York Times Service

EW YORK — Using souped up versions of conventional brain imaging machines, scientists can now peer into the workings of the human brain, making movies of changes that occur as the mind thinks, talks, listens, dreams

At the handful of centers where the technique is being developed, researchers are borrowing the machines at night and on weekends when patients do not need them and, like children in a toy store, are exploring one another's brains with unbridled glee.

This is the wonder technique we've all been waiting for," said Dr. Hans Breiter, a psychiatrist and postdoctoral fellow at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, where the technique was first demonstrated. "At last we can see inside the human brain."

"It is the most exciting thing to happen in the realm of cognitive neuroscience in my lifetime," said Dr. Gregory McCarthy, an associate professor of neurosurgery at the same hospital.

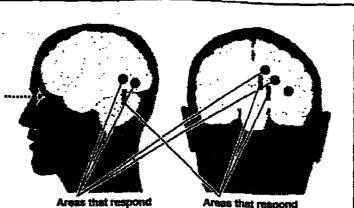
We have, in a single afternoon, been able to replicate in humans what took 20 years to do in nonhuman primates," said Dr. Walter Schneider, a psychologist who is using the technique to map human vision at the University of Pitts-

burgh.
"This will do for neuroscience what the discovery of the genetic code did for molecular biology," remarked Dr. Kamil Urgubil, director of the Center for Magnetic Resonance Research at the University of Minnesota School of Medicine in Minneapolis.

The tool making it all possible is called functional magnetic resonance imaging, or fast MRI. Conventional MRI machines employ strong magnets and radio waves to make sectional images of the brain's anatomy. Most functional MRI ma-pops into his mind. The region for chines are clinical machines that have been litted with special hardware to speed the imaging process and advanced computer programs

A Picture Window Into the Living **Human Brain**

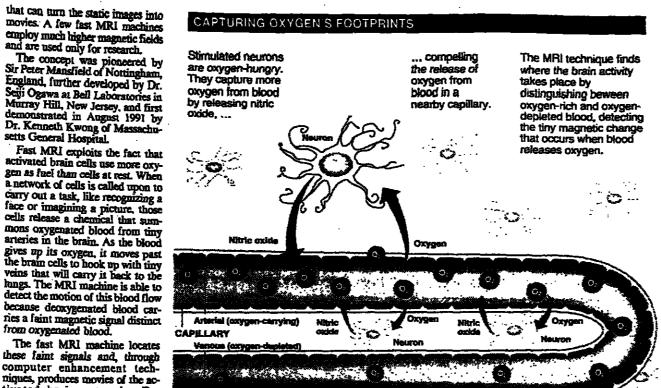
Using computers to enhance the magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) technique, researchers recently witched patches of neurons light up in response to different visual patterns, shown schematically at right.



to colored stripes

CAPTURING OXYGEN'S FOOTPRINTS

to moving dots



At the National Institutes of RESEARCH team at Yale University has one of the first published pa-pers on these experiments, which appears in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. It is about spoken lanletter as they can, said Dr. Robert guage in the brain and confirms results from other imaging tech-Turner, a visiting scholar from the University of London. "It's surprising how many different areas ight up in different people." Dr.

A baseline image is taken of a subject lying passively in the ma-chine, said Dr. Robert G. Shulman, a professor of molecular biophysics and biochemistry at Yale. Then researchers say a noun and ask the subject to speak the first verb that generating spoken verbs is in the left frontal cortex, in back of the left eyeball, deep down, Dr. Shulspecialize in separate visual functions, like seeing color, motion, di-

Health in Bethesda, Maryland, researchers are exploring the silent generation of words. Subjects are told a letter of the alphabet and asked to think for 30 seconds of as many words that start with that

Turner said.
Dr. Schneider's group is confirming decades of research carried out on monkeys to understand human vision. The visual cortex of primates, he said, is laid out in columns about one millimeter wide. Each strip of tissue is composed of thousands of neurons that

agonal lines and other features of the visual world. It at the time, but just by looking at this brain I could tell he was seeing upside down.

Fast MRI, Dr. Schneider said, can distinguish cell groups one millimeter apart and is ideally suited to mapping vision in the human brain. So far, he said, the areas for detecting fine lines are identical in monkeys and humans, but the regions for seeing motion vary somewhat. Experiments bring surprises, Dr. Schneider said. In one, subjects

wore special glasses that split their visual fields so one eye would see only half its usual input. "I was getting data on one person and it looked like his brain was upside down," he said. "I checked and rechecked the numbers, wondering what the heck was going on. Then I found out he had put the glasses on flipped upside down. I didn't know tive drugs in the brain.

The new technique will find immediate applications in medicine, Dr. McCarthy said. For example, patients undergoing surgery for intractable epilepsy must now submit to a highly invasive brain mapping procedure using implanted electrodes - done to spare critical brain areas from the surgeon's knife. Fast MRI can do the same much more simply. But it is in psychiatry where the

more fascinating challenges lie.

Dr. Breiter and other psychiatrists plan to study patients suffering from schizophrenia and dementia to trace their altered brain circuits. This work is just getting under way, wrong, so that his visual field was as is research on the effects of addic-

The Limits of Existence Just Assume We're Nothing Special

Is it possible to

predict how long the

Miss America con-

By Malcolm W. Browne Ven York Times Service

EW YORK - Is it possible, using statistics alone, to predict how long space exploration, the Catholic Church, the Miss America contest, the human race or the universe as a whole will continue to exist? A Princeton University astrophysicist has concluded that these and many other predictions are not only possible, but can be made with 95 percent reliability.

As he described his hypothesis in the British journal Nature, the scientist, Dr. J. Richard Gott 3d, proposed that the longevity of things can be estimated remarkably well from their histories. All that is needed to calculate roughly how long something is likely to last is to assume that there is nothing special about it -- nothing to particularly distinguish it from all the other objects or systems or creatures or intervals of time in its class. Theorists call this assumption the

"Copernican principle," refer-ring to the Polish astronomer Copernicus, who concluded that the Earth was not at the center of the solar system (or universe), and therefore did not occupy any "special" place. Based on this idea, Dr. Gott

test will continue? predicted that intelligent human beings would probably exist on Earth a maximum of 7.8 million years, a minimum of 5,128 years, or somewhere in between. This calculation, he said, requires no

knowledge of how or why the race might end, and is based solely on the fact that Homo sapiens first appeared on Earth about 200,000 years ago. The prediction, he said, is in good agreement with the life spans of many comparable species, including Homo erectus, an ancestor of modern man, which lasted about 1.8 million years before becoming

extinct. Predictions of this kind are a statistical way of saying that the longer something has been around, the longer it is likely to survive in the future. Given the probability that Homo sapiens has a life span of a few million years, of which 200.000

have already passed. Dr. Gott suggests making the best possible use of the time remaining. For one thing, he believes people should be preparing to seek habitats elsewhere in the galaxy while they still have a chance. Knowing only that the manned space program

has existed for 32 years, he says, one can calculate, using the Copernican principle, that the space program is 95 percent likely to continue for a maximum of 1,250 years, or a minimum of 10 months. If that is the case, people have very little time to begin colonizing the galaxy and establish-ing civilizations on other habitable planets before the manned space program ends, for whatever reason. Having lost the chance to colonize the galaxy, humans would be marooned on Earth until their inevitable extinction.

Dr. Gott considers it unlikely that humans — or

any other civilization — will colonize a galaxy in 1,250 years or less. This, he says, could account for the fact that there is no evidence of colonization anywhere in the galaxy. His assumption is that there is nothing special about the life span of the Earth's manned space program. Therefore, he reasons, the manned space programs of any other

civilizations would probably have about the same longevity as mankind's, likewise insufficient to colonize the galaxy.

"A lot of people say there's no need for a manned space program, because we can learn just as much by sending out interstellar robots." Dr. Gott said. "But this ignores the desire by the human race to survive. The Earth is a pretty dangerous place. If we hope to survive in the long term, it would make sense to start colonizing other habitable planets. We'll never do that unless we push forward with a manned space program, and our opportunity may not last very much longer."

Would emigrating to another planet set back the clock for the human race so that it could start anew and survive another couple of million years? "That's a question we can't answer from this

vantage point on the Earth today," Dr. Gott says. 'because it hasn't happened yet, it has no past and, therefore, we cannot calculate its future. The mathematics used in

these calculations assumes that the life span of anything, or group of things, can be represented by 40 equal intervals of time, each representing 2.5 per-cent of the total life span. If the objects or creatures or systems encompassed by their respective life spans are randomly distrib-uted, the chances are 39 to 1 against any individual being in the earliest 2.5 percent of the life span, and equally

against being in the last 2.5 perce "Looking at the time line of the human race," Dr. Gott said, "all you know is that you're located somewhere after its beginning and somewhere be-

"We're doing this calculation at the 95 percent confidence level, so that means that it's 95 percent likely that you're in the middle 95 percent of the life span of the human race, not in the first 2.5 percent or the last 2.5 percent. Your particular 2.5 percent is one-40th of the total longevity, so if you're at the beginning of that middle period, you have one-40th of the Homo sapiens life span behind you and 39-40ths to go. But if you happen to be in the last 2.5 percent, you only have one-40th to go and the future

is only one-39th as long as the past."

Dr. Gott applied the resulting formula to predicting the probable lifetime of The New York Times. Founded in 1851, The Times is 142 years old. Divided by 39, this number yields 3.6 years as the 95 percent probable minimum period The Times is likely to commune publication. At the other end of the estimate. 142 years multiplied by 39 is 5,538 years, the newspaper's probable maximum life span.

The reason the Copernican principle works,"

Dr. Gott said. "is that of all the places for intelligent observers to be, there are many nonspecial places and only a few special places. We are not likely to be in one of them."

One is the fact that no signals have been received from intelligent civilizations from any nearby stars; the odds would be enormously against the existence of nearby civilizations, according to Gott's statistics. "People are always subject to wishful thinking. But if we look out into the universe, and consider the fact that we're still sitting on our home planet and likely to remain here until our species ends, it's rather humbling."

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Ovarian Cancer: The Search for a Cheap, Reliable Test

By Jane E. Brody New York Times Service

EW YORK - Of all the diseases that have failed to yield to the war on cancer, one of the most frustrating to researchers, clinicians and patients is ovarian cancer. Despite new treatments that prolong life, in the last three decades there has been little improvement in longterm survival. Early, curable ovarian cancer produces no symptoms, and three-fourths of cases are not diagnosed until the cancer has spread beyond the ovarian capsule.

Once the disease has advanced beyond the ovary, fewer than 10 percent of women are cured. But if it is detected and treated early, 90 percent survive, a fact that has prompted a frantic search for costeffective ways to screen women for early signs. The death in 1989 of the 42-year-old comedian Gilda Radner from ovarian cancer produced an outpouring of concern

screening tools. Nor is there agree-ment about who should be

the annual cost would exceed \$14 billion and tens of thousands of women without cancer would un-

Meanwhile, gynecological oncologists are zeroing in on a host of factors that can influence a woman's breast cancer. risk. These factors are helping them decide which women warrant close surveillance with imperiect tools.

fatality rate has given it an importance beyond sheer numbers. This year, the American Cancer Society estimates, 22,000 new cases of ovarian cancer will be diagnosed in the United States and 13,300 womleading cause of death from gynecological cancers and the fourth leading cause of cancer deaths in women, after cancers of the hung, breast and colon. It most commonly strikes women from 40 to 70.

about the disease.

To date, there are no ideal screened. If the existing methods first-degree relatives are affected, were applied to all women over 45. the risk jumps to 50 percent.

dergo needless surgery because of suspicious test results.

Although ovarian cancer strikes

The biggest risk factor for ovarian cancer is heredity. If a blood relative, especially a first-degree relative (mother, sister or daughter), has had it, the rate increases fivefold, to a lifetime risk of 7 percent. If two

learning too late that three and possibly four of her relatives had it; a maternal aunt, consin and second

in 1981, Dr. M. Steven Piver, a gynecological oncologist at Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo. New York, began a registry of won-en with familial ovarian cancer. By 1991 it included \$20 families and only one woman in 70, its high

1.946 cases of ovarian cancer. R. Piver found that in some families a strong susceptibility seems to be inherited through a gene en will die of the disease. It is the or group of genes transmitted to a woman by her mother. Other studies suggest transmission can also occur through a woman's father.

Each of these factors approxiperineal area for many years, being infertile (and perhaps having taken fertility drugs) and having had breast cancer. A diet high in meat and animal fats also plays a role. In Japan, as daily lat consumption increased from 10.6 grams to a still- not widely available. The painless

Certain factors are also protective. In premenopausal women, especially protective is anything that reduces the number of months a woman ovulates or anything that might disrupt hormonal stimulation or blood flow to the overies. Thus, risk is reduced in women who have been pregnant, who took oral contraceptives, who nursed babies, who had hysterectomies (even if their ovaries were not removed) or who underwent tubal sterilization. While having both ovaries removed does reduce risk, it is not fully protective, since this cancer can arise

in other pelvic tissues. Although every woman of child-bearing age and beyond should have an annual pelvic examination. it is not nearly sensitive enough to detect small ovarian tumors. Ultramately doubles the average wom-an's risk: never having had a baby, having used talcum powder on the sound is far more sensitive, but it cannot distinguish a cancer from a ment, transvaginal color-flow Doppler ultrasonography, is more sensitive in picking up early tumors and more likely to distinguish be-tween the malignant and the be-nign. But it is also expensive and is

haze is apparently linked to sharp

reductions in pollution emissions in

Enrope and the former Soviet

Union, scientists at the National

Oceanic and Atmospheric Adminis-

tration say in a ne report. The haze has diminished by about half during

March and April, its worst months,

First noted by atmospheric

chemists in the late 1970s, the haze

turned out to be mainly a brew of

sulfate particles and sulfuric acid droplets, both of which form when

the pollutant gas sulfur dioxide re-acts with sunlight and atmospheric

since a peak in the early 1980s.

are more expensive and hard to get. vic mass.

Ms. Radner did not know that low 84.5 grams, incidence of the exam is done using a vaginal probe ovarian cancer ran in her family, cancer nearly doubled.

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IN BRIEF

Astronomers Give Up On Elusive Planet X

NEW YORK (NYT) - Astronomers can quit looking for the elu-sive "Planet X" because it is not there, a new study of solar system measurements has concluded.

For a half century stargazers have hunted for Planet X, the solar system's hypothetical 10th planet. Its appeared to be irregularities in the measurement of Neptune's mass existence was inferred from what orbital motions of several planets.

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By Alan Truscott

Team Championship was played in Memphis during the weekend and resulted in a victory

for Yale The Yale players Tony Tang Douglas Koltenuk, Malik

Magdon-Ismail and Matt Has-

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by 12 imps. They had qualified from regional competition along with Kentucky, Swarthmore and

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moving as one would expect if there long chase, based on presumed wobbles in the orbits of Uranus and Neptune caused by a planet, was based on erroneous calculations.

The apparent death blow to the Planet X theory was published in The Astronomical Journal by Dr. E. Myles Standish Jr., an astrophysicist at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California, His analysis is the first to

make use of an extremely accurate

South's actual bid of three

spades ran the risk of landing in a

four-three fit rather than a five-three fit. North might have passed.

but continued in the hope of scor-

and eventually discard a club from the closed hand on a heart winner.

Tang as South received a trump

lead and drew trumps ending in his

and five hearts.

Sharp Decline Found in Arctic Poliution long a subject of environmental

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NEW YORK (NYT) - Atmospheric pollution over the Arctic, concern, has declined steadily and sharply in the last decade, U.S. scientists have found.

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ing a vulnerable game. Looking at 4 J 3 the North-South hands one would expect to lose two heart tricks, but hope to find East with the club king North and hand. He then led a heart to the The bidding: rebid problem when the one-spade response was raised. Most players one heart, one diamond and one to consider a three-heart bid to be club, making his game. In the reforcing, although this South hand is ideal for a nonforcing treatment, in the retime, making ans game. In the retime, making and the re-

To AIDS Meetings

Journal Advises End LONDON (Reuters) - Interna-

scientific journal Nature says. In an editorial on the ninth international conference on AIDS

tional AIDS conferences have outlived their usefulness and should be replaced by more effective channels of communication, the British

which opens in Berlin next week, it said the annual meetings had started at a time when it seemed there might be rapid progress toward the treatment and cure of AIDS. But with no cure imminent, the chief public - as opposed to professional - interest has shifted from biomedical affairs to the interaction between behavior and AIDS, as part of efforts to prevent the dis-

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Memories at the Wall

pay tribute to those who gave their lives in a war so painful that many Americans chose not only to distance themselves from its memory but also to forget the men and women who answered their country's call. President Clinton was also right when he said that disagreements about a war fought more than two decades ago should not "divide us as a people any longer." To demonize fellow citizens because they were for the war or because they were against it is neither helpful nor just. To do so is to ignore some of the most important lessons learned in those years about the meaning of dissent and patriotism in a democracy.

But the boos and taunts directed at the president on Monday were not just about dissent or disagreement. In avoiding service in the war, Mr. Clinton did what many Americans of his age did, especially those who were able to remain in school. Time can heal, but it cannot undo the fact that the burdens of Vietnam were borne unfairly. The angry shouts at the president reflected the feelings of many who to this day would be ies of many who to this day wonder why their lives were disrupted, and why the lives of comrades were lost, while so many others in their generation managed to escape the

It was right for Bill Clinton to brave the horrors of war. Surely part of putting the jeers at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial to divisions of Vietnam behind must involve recognizing the legitimate sense of grievance felt by so many Vietnam veterans.

Their anger was only deepened when the country failed to offer adequate recognition of their service until years after the war ended. Many veterans felt that having served their country in an unpopular war, they were then blamed for decisions in which they had no part -and of which they, in a sense, were victims. Veterans who believed that the war was right insisted that it was not they who decided that victory could not be pursued. Veterans who thought that the war was wrong could not understand why they should bear responsibility for a conflict that they would never have started.

It is perhaps unfair that Mr. Clinton, whose youthful opposition to the war was a campaign issue last year, should now have to shoulder so much of the weight of these grievances. Yet he is a representative figure of so many in his generation. And he is commander in chief. That is why it was right of him to stand before that stark granite wall to speak of America's debt to those of the Vietnam generation for whom the war was not a cause or an abstraction but a duty.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Verdict in Cambodia

It is offensive for the present government of Cambodia to protest about "irregularities" in last week's United Nations-run elections. By most impartial accounts the voting was conducted fairly. And those doing the protesting have dirty hands; during the campaign preceding the vote their side engaged in assassinations and other forms of political intimidation.

Just two weeks ago it looked as if the 1991 Cambodia peace accords might unravof el in a violently disrupted or boycotted Lelection. But in a surprising democratic e triumph, more than 90 percent of eligible Cambodians braved death threats to cast of their votes in an election that monitors encertify as free and fair.

: The UN Security Council must now help deflect Phnom Penh's shameless challenge to r-the election. Otherwise, hard-line elements in or the government party may try to hold onto their power by military force. Although their ⁻⁵ People's Party is assured a share of postelection power, for some elements of the Vietnamese-installed regime a representative share apparently is not enough. Their quest for full power may be shortsighted. Without the popular and international legitimacy conferred by these elections, government forces could have difficulty staving off new offensives by the deadly Khmer Rouge.

For months, these same Phnom Penh hard-liners waged an ugly terror campaign against the royalist party known as Funcin-pec, led by the son of Prince Norodom Sihanouk. Meanwhile the Khmer Rouge. itself boycotting the election, threatened to stage attacks that would have kept voters from the polls in Funcinpec strongholds. These factors led outside observers to pre-dict that Phnom Penh's own candidates would be returned as the leading force in the new constituent assembly

But in a last-minute switch in tactics the Khmer Rouge encouraged people to vote
— for the royalists. That tightened the contest. In preliminary counting, the roy-alists have taken a modest lead, triggering Phnom Penh's call for a recount in four key provinces. Quick Security Council action endorsing the conduct of the election will make it easier for UN authorities in Cambodia to resist this ugly power play.

And while the Security Council is at it.

it should consider extending the mandate for the deployment of UN peacekeeping forces past the present late August deadline - at least until a new and legitimate government can be formed. Democracy's surprise triumph in Cambodia is too precious to now let slip away.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Back to Gergenism?

David Gergen helped package the Reagan administration policies that, according to Bill Clinton, almost wrecked America. It is a measure of Democratic desperation and of Mr Gergen's popularity inside the Beltway that his appointment is being hailed as a gain for the shell-shocked White House. Maybe he can help end the pressroom fol-

lies that have cost Mr. Clinton so dearly. But this appointment has other meanings as well. It points up a deterioration of political values and an erosion of journalistic standards in the capital. And it suggests that the Arkansas crowd came to Washington not only without experience but without a chipping file or a historical memory.

Remember the fiction that Ronald Reagan's "social safety net" would catch the truly needy"? Remember Preside t Reagan's wacky assertion that there was "no hasis in law" for denying tax exemptions to segregated schools like Bob Jones University? Kunember the Reagan tax cut and us fictional blessings." These were all maior prod mous of Mr. Gergen's reign as director communications at the Reagan White it : ... He was an artful promoter of policies that coarsened the quality if vicial compassion, spread suffering . most undefended citizens and effect back the Justice Department from

in 1961 and 1962, when Mr. Reagan was to 1961 and 1962, when Mr. Reagan was to us guffe-a-m to be phase, it was also Mr. who ... ine research effort that ...d to put a gloss of expertise on a fundantaily uninformed chief executive. In administration that planned everything and the evening news shows, it was Mr. an who per mally spoon-fed the netcorrespondents and perfected the

Talk about being present at the creation. technique of slipping out embarrassing pavid Gergen helped package the Reagan news just as the journalistic cycle slipped into the weekend doldrums.

In that sense, the decision to announce Mr. Gergen's appointment and the public humiliation of his predecessor, George Stephanopoulos, on a holiday Saturday was, well, Gergenesque. A capital that has come to value packaging over content admires that kind of touch But what is really going on here? The

point is not that Mr. Gergen is a bad man. Indeed, his intelligence and amiability make one want to look away from his record. As a young man he was in the bunker with President Richard Nixon during Watergate. Transcripts from his press briefings in the early months of the Reagan presidency will show him an ardent defender of approaches that Mr. Clinton has conaned. To pretend otherwise does not, as Mr. Clinton would have it, amount to bipartisan peacemaking. It amounts to nonpartisanship run amok.

And yet nothing was so predictable as the cheering among the talking heads on the weekend shows. For Mr. Gergen was part of a video community that took root in the Reagan years and is threatening public faith in journalistic integrity. This community consists of television regulars who present themselves as journalists but whose real work is to serve as advocates for political philosophies and parties.

Of course, the Gergen appointment and the positive reaction to it lend weight to the theory that Washington has passed through the two-party era and adopted a new govern-ing ideology called Insideism. Whatever you call this phenomenon, it represents an aftershock from the 1980s, and it is not healthy. - THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Other Comment

Clinton's China Compromise

President Bill Clinton chose the most inrmal of settings -- last week's televised .wn ::recting" - to signal his most imporat foreign policy decision so fart the renewi of most-favored-nation trading status for time. But the informality of the setting and his Willy Loman saleman's rationale — "It's great opportunity for America out there" - could not obscure the reality check that the decision represented.

During the campaign, Mr. Clinton called " "documented progress" on human the values of America." That is not a bad ahts before any further extension of favortrade status for China. But that was

before American firms explained the importance of a continued business relationship with China. That relationship, as Mr. Clinton noted last week, has greatly aided the process of "modernization." a process that America has every reason to support

Mr. Clinton's ability to win support for a middle ground between the rejected Bush policy of unconditional renewal of favored status and the congressional demand for conditional renewal was a nice display of political skill. He spoke of his policy toward China as balancing "the value of China and relationship to maintain.

- The Boston Globe.

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OPINION

Disorder Waxes Just When America Wants to Wane

I ministration in foreign policy is toward withdrawal, a justified withdrawal in terms of the domestic interests of the United States. Whether this is in its general interest is another question, since the shift in policy described by the imprecise and overworked term "neo-

An international organization is no more than the agency of its members, and international order can only be the product of the will and commitment of the major powers.

isolationism" presumes an international structure strong enough to tolerate an American withdrawal. This does not exist today.

Undersecretary of State Peter Tarnoff says that a larger share of the United States' not unlimited resources is needed for domestic reconstruction. This is what many of us have been saying for a long time. However, the argument for a redirection of American policy must take account of the equations of power in Western Europe and East Asia, the two regions of greatest consequence to international stability in general and to the By William Pfaff

long-term security of the United States itself. In these two places the major regional powers have in recent months given dramatic demonstration of lack of ambition and even, it would seem, of incapacity to act independently of America. Western Europe is adrift, seemingly incapable of common action on security and foreign policy matters. When Sweden, Norway, Finland and Austria join the Community, as they undoubtedly soon will, its ability to act will decline again. Yugoslavia is the continuing and tragic demonstration of this European impass

In Asia, the idea of American withdrawal produces something like panic even in Japan, the regional great power, which sees all too clearly the danger to itself in trying to play the great-power part, but confronts the reality that an American withdrawal would force it into just that role vis-à-vis China and an eventually recovering Russia.

There is nothing today to put in the place of American leadership. In certain respects the situation is worse than it was in the 1930s, when an isolationist United States from the start declined international responsibilities. Liberal internationalism was supposed to

supply international security, and the League of Nations started off with no less power, and rather more successes, than the United Nations later enjoyed. It settled a series of trou-

blesome disputes — and prevented a Balkan war between Greece and Bulgaria in 1925.

The League later failed because the fascist powers defied it, but by that time it was already foundaring because of the major states' indifference. Poland and France were actually the first to refuse to accept its rulings (unsuccessfully forbidding the first to seize Vilna, in present-day Lithuania, and the second from occupying the Ruhr in 1923).

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However, an international organization is no more than the agency of its members, and international order can only be the product of the will and commitment of the major powers acting on their own responsibility. These were absent when Japan defied the League by invading Manchurin and when Italy conquered Ethiopia despite League sanctions. They are absent today, and without them both the United Nations and the European Community are powerless bureaucracies.

Peter Tarnoff's remarks last week offered a rationale for the Clinton administration's reluctance to do by itself what its allies collectively decline to undertake. This is a persuasive argument in national terms, but it fails to address the practical consequences of the present absence of international structure.

An extended European war in the Balkans is a highly practical issue, whose larger dan-

gers are evident to everyone.

Xenophobic violence in Western Europe. particularly in Germany, and the rise of eth-nic tension in Eastern Europe are connected

to the popular perception that an established system of international constraints and values bas fallen, and that society and the international order now exist to be remade - and in Yugoslavia are already being remade by means of arrocious but successful violence.

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Inward and outward order are connected: by the desperation and ruthlessness produced by their absence, if by nothing else. The collapse of democracy in Germany and Spain, and the ideological hatreds, political intolerance and mob violence undermining France's Third Republic and subverting a fragile liberal order elsewhere in the 1930s, were connected to the collapse of international order during that same decade.
We are at an important moment in contens-

porary history. The European powers refuse the international responsibilities that properly belong to them, and risk paying a very heavy price for their political and moral abdication. If the United States government attempts in their default to reclaim its role of international leadership, it jeopardizes its popular support and its justifiable domestic priorities. If it declines to lead, it makes way for the anarchical forces now at work in international society.

This is not an affair of geopolitical abstractions but of deep national and interna-tional interests on both sides of the Atlantic, and in East Asia as well.

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China: Economic Growth Doesn't Guarantee Political Change

WASHINGTON — Boom has overtaken bloodshed as the focus of the world's attention on China four years after the June 4 massacre of students and workers in Beijing. China's would-be capitalists have flourished while China's would-be democrats have been suppressed and forced into exile, prison or silence.

Impressive growth rates and a surge of foreign investment into the last important Communist-ruled country should not dim the memory or the meaning of what happened at Tiananmen Square in the spring of 1989. The ruthless mass killing of peaceful demonstrators ranks among the great political crimes of the century. It should be marked as such on this week's sad anniversary.
Nor should the world rush to ac-

cept the comfortable notion that economic growth in China will automatically bring significant political change. Deng Xiaoping and the ger-ontocracy he heads know better. They label that theory of change "the economic fallacy," a mere idea that they can again crush with brute By Jim Hoagland

The assertion that economic liberalization and spreading prosperity will undermine dictatorship more effectively than political challenge and outside pressure is not new. It was a popular theme in the early 1970s for those who argued against applying any form of sanctions against the white-minority regimes in Rhodesia and South Africa.

South Africa's Green Bay tree. which can be transformed from an odious plant into a fragrant one by plentiful watering and care, became the symbol for pouring unrestricted foreign investment and trade into South Africa as a strategy to under-mine apartheid. The "Green Bay Tree Theory" was reflected in the overtures that the Nixon and Reagan administrations made to Pretoria. It did not work out that way. It was

only when sanctions bit hard -South Africa did not create a single net new job in the 1980s — that Rhodesia became black-ruled Zimbabwe and South Africa's National Party government began to dismantle apartheid seriously. (Positive change also came to the Soviet Union through bankruptcy and collapse, not through the flawed theory of "convergence" of competing economic sanctions.) China's size, location and political

and cultural history render sanctions much less useful and isolation less workable. But the argument of China's economic friends abroad - that their profit-taking will pave the way for the fulfillment of the dreams of the pro-democracy demonstrators in Tiananmen Square — is Green Bay Treeism repackaged.

Japan's government, frightened of being inundated by refugees that would follow a major upheaval in China, and British investors in Hong Kong forcefully urge more economic involvement with China as an antidote to the Communist political ideology practiced and preached by Mr. Deng and his Politburo. It is the Marxist Deng who is betting that economics can be kept subordinate to politics in an underdeveloped coun-try where political control is ex-

ercised through the army and police.

More surprising is the studied silence of Taiwan, which did not oppose the Clinton administration's decision last week to renew mostfavored-nation trading status for Beijing Impressed by China's growth rates of 9 to 13 percent in recent years, 3,000 private Taiwan business-es have put \$7 billion into the main-land economy. Taiwan, like Hong Kong and "overseas Chinese" throughout Asia, now has a vested interest in Beijing having a favored trading status with the United States.

Sweeping economic change and an uneven decentralization are occurring in China, often in spite of Mr. Deng's rule, not because of it. The better life that this change brings for many is to be welcomed.

But growth rates should not be mistaken for political trends. Growth rates should not be used as instification or pretexts for relaxing the mor-al condemnation and limited restraints that the world has focused on China because of Tiananmen, oppression of Tibet and Chinese arms sales to the Middle East.

President Bill Clinton struck the right balance in extending the preferential trading status to Beijing for one year. He made renewal in 1994 conditional on clear political progress and coupled it to a strong de-nunciation of Beijing's human rights abuses in Tibet. This administration has put Beijing on probation, making clear that it favors economic growth in China but does not agree that growth alone will vanquish dictatorship in China.

After the Tiananmen massacre only the likes of Erich Honecker and Yasser Arafat defended Deng & Co., calling on the world to "understand" and passively wait for things to be sorted out. Today leading capitalists chant a variation on that theme as they head for the bank.

Political change will not come to . China without steady pressure and political challenge to the brutal Communist rolers. And only the world's open, continuing condemniation of the Com-munist dictatorship will honor those who fell in democracy's cause in Beijing four years ago this week.

Japan: Time to Open Doors and Unleash Domestic Demand

N EW YORK — Economics are central to U.S. relations with Japan. Without a more balanced distribution of the benefits of our economic ties we face the threat of further erosion in the foundations of our

strategic relationship.

Japan is the prism through which most of Washington, much of America and many in the rest of the world view trade. Without a fundamental change in the nature of Japan's economic interaction with its trading partners, we will face further erosion in the already tenuous base of international support for maintaining an open trade policy and a strong multilateral trading system.

It is in the economic arena that Japan can make the most substantial and immediate contribution to the prosperity of Americans, of developing countries and of the emerging market economies of Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. U.S. policy starts from the premise

that America must "compete, not retreat." A strong, competitive economy is the most effective trade policy. The Clinton administration is pursuing a two-part strategy, which combines a reinvigorated effort to

strengthen global economic growth

and an export-activist trade policy

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By Lawrence Summers

the world trading system.

Japan presents two problems for the rest of the world: a penetration problem and an imbalance problem. Japan has retained a resistance to foreign goods, services and investment that cannot be explained away by benign factors such as geography and its modest endowment of natural resources. The market share of manufactured imports in Japan is still only half what it is in the United States and the European Community.

Japan generally does not import much of the content of the manufactured goods it exports. This is in contrast to the prevailing pattern of trade in the rest of the industrialized world. The level of foreign direct investment in the Japanese economy is also a fraction of that in the United States and Europe, which matters because trade usually follows investment.

Japan continues to run large external surpluses that are a significant drag on global growth. In the mid-

1980s, the U.S. trade deficit was the major imbalance in the world economy, and it was spread across most of the regions of the world. Now Japan's surplus is the major asymmetry in the global economy. The imbalance has evolved from a surplus largely con-centrated with the United States to

one spread roughly evenly across Asia, Europe and North America. Japan's challenge is to reduce its surplus by restoring domestic de-mand growth in the short term; by ensuring that such demand exceeds the rates of growth in total output over the medium term; and by directing policy toward increased consumption, not simply fueling another investment boom.

The most effective way to do this is through fiscal, not monetary, policy. Fiscal policy acts more quickly and is more likely to be translated into increased imports. Japan has a uniquely strong budgetary position among the Group of Seven industrial nations, which gives it considerable flexibility to respond to the curent crisis.

Japan's latest stimulus package is a useful first step. But what the world

use fiscal policy to promote external adjustment. On the eve of the G-7 economic summit meeting in Telepoearly next month. Japan will be formulating its guidelines for spending in fiscal year 1994. The United States hopes that these guidelines will send a signal that the recent stimulus package will be reinforced in next year's

Japan's selective engagement in the global economy — shown in the low level of import penetration — has persisted despite the liberalization of most formal border restrictions and traditional nontariff barriers. This problem is the result of both

specific restrictions in individual sectors and structural features of the Japanese economy that cut across all sectors. In some areas, import restraints are the legacy of past dis-crimination. In others, explicit goverament measures frustrate imports and investment. And in still others, government policies reinforce exclusionary business practices by private Japanese companies.

The Clinton administration is developing a new framework for addressing these problems. The principles that will govern the American

approach to Japan include a belief that we Americans are likely to be more effective when we concentrate needs is a sustained commitment to on specific concerts actions that are within the ability of the government to effect rather than grand, but vague, designs to remake Japan in

our own image.
The United States plans to focus on its competitive strengths and strategic economic priorities. What we export is important, as well as how much we export. The United States will also focus less on process and more on results, and results

Japan's economic record has been the envy of the world. Japan will once again demonstrate its remarkable resilience and enormous capacity to contribute to global prosperity if, at the end of four years, it bases its prosperity on domestic demand, engages constructively with the entire world and ensures that foreign producers have as much of a stake in the Japanese market as Japanese producers have in the markets of their major trading partners.

This comment was adapted by the International Herald Tribune from a, recent speech by Mr. Summers to the Japan Society in New York

Italians' Revolt Against the Old Ways Is Already Getting Results

T URIN — While our judges con-tinue to investigate widespread governmental corruption, uncovering a vast network of illegal political financing and private kickbacks, we Italians hear a lot of talk about a revolution. The latest scene in this revolution was an alley behind the Uffizi Gallery in Florence where a car bomb announced that terrorists. probably the Mafia, had declared war on civil society.

"Revolution" may be an over-

statement, but most Italians see it as comparable in importance only to the fascists' downfall at the end of World War II. The proof lies in the fact that tele-

vision news broadcasts and political debates have gathered ratings close to, sometimes even greater than, those of soap operas, musicals, comedies and game shows. Skeptics claim that the revolution is essentially a media event, a specta-

cle, entertainment. As so often in the past, everything will boil down to a grande bouffe of televised and newspaper prattle resulting in a colossal purification, the catharsis occurring only on stage. A vote in the Chamber of Deputies

on April 29 seemed to corroborate the skeptics' position: It denied Milanese courts the authorization they requested to prosecute Bettino Craxi, the former prime minister, accused (on compelling grounds) on a number of counts of corruption. After the media had identified Mr.

Craxi as a central player in political

corruption, and after most of the polit-

ical parties had pronounced them-

selves for prosecution, the secret votes

stood the entire situation on its head. Mr. Craxi was tacitly exonerated. Skeptics and pessimists believe that the prosecutions of other highprofile politicians will proceed in a By Gianni Vattimo

the scandal, some will be tried and some will even be found guilty. But the sentences will probably be overturned at the conclusion of the interminable appeals allowed under law. Public attention, meanwhile, will be distracted, gripped by some other more pressing concern — an international crisis such as Bosnia, or finan-

cial crisis in Italy's public services. The pessimists have their points. But there are also solid reasons for believing that the revolution will pro-

duce a truly lasting transformation. The independence of the judiciary has been rediscovered. For years the courts had given up on vigorously prosecuting politicians for crimes of corruption. Many politicians argue that for all practical purposes all laws against corruption and clandestine financing of parties have been abrogated. Mr. Craxi publicly denounced them as the fruit of hypocrisy, since, as he claimed, all parties have been illegally financed for years and everyone has been aware of it. But the courts have now broken this climate of silent complicity. They have returned to a pillar of modern constitutional democracy: the separation of judiciary power from the legislative and ex-

ecutive branches of government. The voters have rebelled. If the courts have rediscovered their proper, autonomous function, this is due to a change in the political climate. Everything does not boil down to televised debates and warrants for arrest. Voters have demonstrated a concrete desire to oust the governing

political class. Two referendums -- one in June 1991 and the other this past April have changed the way senators and deputies are elected. Along with the political elections in 1992, the refer-

Of the 2,500 figures implicated in endums challenged the interests and

platforms of the parties in power. Moreover, throughout Italy where mayoral campaigns are being held we are witnessing an unexpected revital-ization of political interest on the part of long-apathetic citizens.

Among candidates who stand a good chance to be elected mayor in Turin, Milan and Catania are people who have never dealt with the traditional parties and are supported by professionals, workers, university students and business managers.

Big business is detaching itself

from the governing parties. It has long supported the governing class, often invoking the excuse that it needed to fight communism. And it has long engaged in illegal contribu-tions, kickbacks and bribes. Today, private enterprise has chosen to keep its distance from politics. The other day, Fiat issued a stringent code of ethics for all of its employees to follow in their dealings with public anthorities. Even if the code just called for more scrupulous observance of laws already in effect, it would be

unprecedented No longer will Italian enterprise be a dependable ally and silent accomplice of the old parties.

There has been a break in the connivance between governing parties and the Malia. Several events point toward the

ead of political corruption. The Uffizi bombing is the most impressive evidence of the break; by this terrorism, the Mafia tried to destabilize the beginning of political renewal. Then there was the assassination of Salvo Lima, a powerful Sicilian deputy of the Christian Democratic Party and friend of former Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti, whom parliamentary investigators say has had close ties

with the Mafia - as well as the accu-

sations against Mr. Andreotti. Having turned into a huge multinational organization, smothering the financial markets of the world with revenue from drugs, the Mafia has become too cumbersome a partner for

Italian political power. For years it provided an electoral consensus and broke unions in a predominantly agricultural society. More recently it became a useful accomplice in illegal exchanges of funds among business, politicians and corrupt officials. The Lima assassination attests to the collapse of this balance. Political figures have suffered reprisals because the collapse of the collapse of the property of the collapse of the collaps they can no longer guarantee the Mafia the impunity and increasing cover

it had come to expect. None of this is likely to vanish soon - the judiciary's new independence of the executive branch, the political revi-talization of civil society and youth, the detachment of business from the traditional governing class and the break in the connivance between political power and organized crime. We may have grounds for believing that things will finally change.

The writer is a professor of philosophy at the University of Turin. This comment was translated from the Italian by Thomas Harrison for The New York Times.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1893: A Veiled Woman

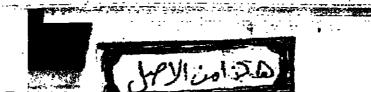
PARIS — The painters and sculptors of Paris, European and American, are at one with the Herald as to the absurdity and bad taste of the action of the United States Art Department at the Chicago World's Fair, which hung a cloth in front of Mr. A. A. Anderson's picture of "The Woman Taken in Adultery," on its being placed in a foreign art section after being refused for the American exhibit. Mr. Henry Bacon said those 1943: Fanny Patriots' who had covered the picture must have been Mr. Anderson's friends rather than his enemies: "Now they have made it the most prominent

picture of the American exhibit." 1918: Socialist Jailed

KANSAS CITY -- Mrs. Rose Pastor Stokes has been sentenced to ten years' imprisonment on each of three counts of disloyalty under the Espionage Act. Mrs. Stokes, a former editor at the "Jewish Daily News," New

York, has been engaged in propaganda of socialism since 1906. In 1912. Mrs. Stokes came out as a supporter of the waiters' strike. She addressed the waiters' union at the strike headquarters, declaring that the Socialists would give the men financial aid. A few days later she announced that she had taken charge of organizing the women workers at the hotels and had enlisted the support of several wealthy women.

NEW YORK - [From our New York edition: Mayor F. H. LaGuar-dia, speaking at City Hall yesterday at ceremonies opening a ten-day civilian defense recruiting campaign, said that men who are deferred from military service for dependents and who do not join a civilian defense unit are "yellow" and "lazy." He attacked those who sit around and do nothing to aid the prosecution of the war, and snapped: "Don't be a fanny patriot - serve."



OPINION

New Mission or Just Buying Time?

WASHINGTON — A couple of weeks ago, the White House chief of staff, "Mack the Nice" McLarty, invited me over because he was concerned about a phrase I had used: the "lurch to the left" that dismayed Republicans and centrist Democrats who had voted for Bill Clinton.

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Clinton's midcourse correction was emphasized in urgent background calls, which promised that the choice of David Gergen roas not cosmetic but signaled a clear shift.

Apparently White House polls were registering an alarming discontent with a president who had promised tax cuts and then proposed tax increases; who had adopted the rhetoric of deficit reduction but put off spending cuts for years; who had come up with "stimulus" spending that was a porcine payoff to

Because the Republican minority in Congress now represented majority opin-ion in the country, Mr. Cinton's leftward lurch had been checked by Dole & Co.'s whose wife the week before delivered a filibuster. Middle America's sense of having been double-crossed was reflected in scarching for "new ideas, a new com-

By William Safire

the president's rising "negatives." in ingent background calls. These promous abuse of the FBI and the ludicrous an aide to Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford

saved by the two centrist Democratic Davids — Boren in the Senate, McCurdy in the House. Using Mr. Boren's resis-tance as leverage. Mr. McCurdy put a needed fig leaf over the tax-and-spend was approaching what he called "a near-death experience," Mr. McCurdy and un-happy Democrats held their noses and passed a spender's budget. It was not an Act of Congress; it was an act of mercy.

Mr. Clinton got the three-pronged message from the polls, the press and the pols: his ideological double-cross would not be tolerated.

Last weekend, he pulled his bloodied communications director and good soldier. George Stephanopoulos, 32, out of the night that covered him and into his sheltering bosom. He substituted someone we had all assumed to be a lifelong Republican, David Gergen, 51, with the prestigious title of counselor. "We are rising above politics ... beyond parti-sanship," said a president who had failed to steamroller the opposition, and

mon ground, a new national unity."

The midcourse correction (before the near-death experience) was emphasized

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Bill Clinton was Carterizing himself before the country's eyes.

His hard-hooking presidency was saved by the two centrist Democratic Davide—Romain in the Canada Marchalla Clinton of the New Democratic platform of the New Democratic platform in the Canada Marchalla Constant in the Canada Marchalla Canada C

Mr. Gergen is in an enviable position; he has been given options to buy Clinton stock at the all-time low. He is a member of the Judson Welliver Society budget. Because the Clinton presidency of former White House speech writers, which automatically softens the hammering from this quarter.

By revealing that "I have never been a Republican," he has justified two de-cades of Patrick Buchanan's suspicious, and undermined the symbolic value of his appointment to Mr. Clinton. That was Mr. Gergen's first communications mistake this time around.

If he denies access to his new client, as he did to President Reagan, on the basis of "He's been hostile to us," that will be unfortunate. If his place at the power table really augurs the comeback of the Old Clinton, that will be good.

Signals are nice, but substance is bet-ter. Here are a few questions that will determine if the president has redefined his mission or if, like John Major in Britain, he is merely buying time by

whose wife the week before delivered a shuffling his Kitchen Cabinet.

partisan, class-warfare harangue on Does Mr. Clinton still intend to press ahead with his plan to raise taxes retro-



active to last January while postponing even his modest spending cuts for years? Does Mr. Clinton now buy the original proposal of his own budget director, Leon Panetta, of two dollars in cuts for every dollar in taxes to reduce the deficit?

Does Mr. Clinton still subscribe to the disavowed but all-too-accurate Tarnoff Doctrine of "We're too poor to lead," or

will we see some muscle instead of continued handwringing in the Balkans?

And hardest of all: Does the Old Clinton dare to tell the Other Clinton that price-rigged, low-deductible, demand-generating, taxpayer-subsidized health insurance does not fit into the mainstream he again professes to represent?

The New York Times,

faithfully and monogamously for 30

years in a house that is fully paid for.
One dies. The other loses the house in

How Borneo's Ibans Came To Work With the Park

By Paul Spencer Sochaczewski

B ATANG AI, Malaysia — Griffin been criticized in the past for its handling of tribal people, worked in this case with the WWF-World Wide Fund-English, and others are learning first aid. Iban tribesmen from seven longhouse communities in the east Malaysian state

MEANWHILE

of Sarawak are preparing for a tourist surge they hope will come to the Batang Ai National Park near their homes.

The Iban, who make up almost a third of the population of Sarawak, on the island of Borneo, are at the center of an experimental trend in nature conservation that seeks to involve local people in national park management and benefits.

Conservation officials recognize that many national parks around the world fail because the people who live in or near them are alienated from what they consider to be their traditional territories. In most countries, the central goverament protects nature by erecting a fence to keep animals in and people out.

When the Batang Ai park was first proposed, the local Iban initially op-posed the project. "Where will we hunt and fish?" they asked, fearful that they would be forbidden entry.

Cynicism Explained

The Sarawak government, which has

Regarding "Clinton, Even as He Flails, Is

widespread cynicism. Many people voted against George Bush because they want-ed gemaine change — and a sufficient

number of these voters had enough faith

to get Mr. Clinton into the White House.

But after all the disappointments and

outrageous gaffes so far, nobody (least of

for Nature and Wildlife Conservation International to see how people's basic needs might be integrated with the goals of saving forests and rivers. One strategy was to give residents of

Batang Ai a chance to make money. There will be bumps along the way. It might be unrealistic to expect large numbers of tourists. The park is isolated and has little of the primary rain forest visitors want to see. It also lacks easily viewable wildlife, though it is home to Sarawak's largest population of orang-

utan. To see these red apes, one must

walk for hours. Nonetheless, Griffin, a 28-year-old. headman, has a stake in development. His longhouse is one of the seven com-munities allowed to hunt and fish in these forests, and control the flow of visitors. The longhouses have established a cooperative to seek out business opportunities. They have negotiated an agreement with a company that specializes in environmentally sensitive travel. They have agreed with the Sarawak au-thorities to maintain visitor trails and facilities in exchange for the right to collect entrance fees to the park.

Batang Ai already has a cash economy.

i.ocal people sell fish and forest products.

and work as laborers, to earn money for basic provisions and the outboard en-gines and fuel they need for river travel. Yet the area's lifestyle is relatively unchanged from centuries past, when the Iban were fearsome warriors and headhunters. (Despite their reputation, today's Ihan are among the world's most hospitable people, as I found when I visited Griffm's longbouse.) One day I trekked three hours upriver

through the forest, fording streams and scrambling up muddy ridges. Eventual-ly, I came upon an orangutan mother and infant. I watched my primate cousins for half an hour, fascinated at the emotional connection between humans and apes. The mother got bored before I did and climbed out of sight.

On the way back, I scrambled down the wooded slopes to bathe in sparkling waterfalls surrounded by butterflies.
Perhaps the attractions I found so delightful will draw some intrepid tourists. So keep working on your English: Kaya anak Lajan, but don't quit your

daý job just yét.

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The writer head of creative develop-ment at WWF-World Wide Fund for Nature International, is writing a book on the travels of 19th century naturalist Alfred Russel Wallace in Southeast Asia. He contributed this comment to the

International Herald Tribune.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Innocence Abroad

Regarding "U.S. Trade Gap Soars as Imports Reach a Record" (Business/Fin-ance, May 20) by Keith Bradsher;

Through a naive tax system, which makes other countries laugh, the United States guarantees that overseas Americans will always be at a disadvantage in seeking employment or running a business, even one that tries to promote exports of U.S. goods and services. We shoot ourselves in the foot and then wonder why our export efforts himp. But there is more. The Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, although motivated by a desire to make world markets less corrupt, effectively makes this effort the sole responsibility of American businesses, which face fierce competition from others

not subject to such constraints. The result: American companies have to walk away from doing business in countries where mores are not up to the standard the U.S. Congress believes

should apply universally.

In parallel, the U.S. government treats overseas Americans as second-raters, maintaining laws that lead to children being born stateless abroad, denying Medicare benefits to those who have paid for them, paying no attention no longer make criminals out of people to the education needs of children living who are already miserable enough. abroad, and so on.

The United States takes away more, and gives less back to its overseas citizens than any other major trading nation. This makes reducing the trade defi-cit a heroic effort indeed.

ANDREW P. SUNDBERG. American Citizens Abroad.

A Case for Legalized Drugs

Regarding "Fight the Trendy Tendency to Surrender to Drugs" (Opinion, May 19) by A. M. Rosenthal:

Much as I generally appreciate Mr. Rosenthal's contributions to your news-paper, I fail to see how he can defend his paper, I fail to see how he can interest in stand against any legalization of drugs. It is perfectly obvious that we shall never succeed in curbing production and distribution of a product that offers such fabulous profit margins precisely be-cause it is illegal. If drugs were available in pharmacies instead of on the street, we could at least end drug-related crime — including worldwide corruption financed by drug money - and we would

who are already miserable enough.

The number of addicts would in-

crease? That's doubtful: The present incentive to break the law, to defy society, to take a risk, would fade. Price and respect for the law has never prevented anybody from becoming an addict. L BODMER.

Zollikon, Switzerland.

Regarding "One Face of Islam" (Letters, May 18) by Robert J. Wolfson: It is time the West stopped trumpeting

The Two-Faced West

its "sensitivity" to the virtues of democracy, liberty, human rights and such.

The rest of the world, although it fails to champion these noble causes, has watched the West stand by as aggressors have murdered Bosnian men, women and children. It has seen the West destroy a Third World country and slaughter its population, for monarchies and oil, in the name of democracy during the Gulf debacle. It witnesses every day what goes on in the Gaza Strip, where stone-throwing children are gnaned down by occupation forces.

We know the West has the right to

follow policies that are in its interest. But then please let it stop wearing that

DINA AHMED.

Witches and Homosexuals

It is disheartening to read the absurdities of those who want discrimination against homosexuals to continue. Yet some people claim that a separate morality must govern homosexuals — which is a laugh, coming from that macho tribe that treats women like dogs, or from a society where pre- and extramarital activities are increasingly the norm, or from those gallant U.S. naval officers who gave us the Tailhook affair.

Then there are those who claim that homosexuals should be punished for having made the wrong "choice." But no one chooses to be homosexual any more than he chooses to be heterosexual, black rather than white, left-handed rather than right-handed. In the old days, the witchburners cared not whether someone was born or became a witch. Are bornosexuals in our time still to bum?

Consider one example. Two males live

Right About Cynicism" (Opinion, May 24): I am less generous than E. J. Dionne Jr. is in defending President Bill Clinton's attack on what he sees as the problem of

order to pay ensuing taxes, because they were not man and wife. Is this fair? The answer to that is what today's controversy should be about, not bedroom details that are nobody's business. LESLIE SCHENK,

Chevilly-Larue, France.

Balanced Trade for All

Every nation should be entitled to a balanced trade account within international trade rules and without regard to underlying causes. For instance any nation with a trade deficit that exceeds percent of exports would be entitled to impose tariffs on the goods of any na-tion with which it had a deficit. Any nation with a surplus exceeding 5 per-cent would be prohibited from imposing

impersonal, matter of fact set of rules to guarantee the right to balance its trade. STAN KAHN.

Bangkok.

all President Clinton) should be surprised that many people have become cynical. KARL H. PAGAC.

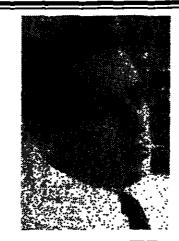
Wackos With Firepower Ask not how President Bill Clinton could have prevented the tragedy in Waco, Texas. He could not have. Ask any tariffs as long as the surplus re-mained above that figure.

World trade needs an unprejudiced, rather how Americans can stop the National Rifle Association from putting more guns into the hands of wackos like David Koresh. More than ever, strict

national gun control laws are needed.

DAVID PAULSEN.

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CALL TO SURVIVAL

As a child I played with other children - 2 kinds - boys and girls. They would grow up to be mommies and daddies like my parents. When I reached school age I discovered that there were 3 kinds of boys and 3 kinds of girls - Protestant, Catholic and Jewish. They would grow up to be either Protestant, Catholic or Jewish parents.

I would have wanted to be what most kids were. But, my parents explained that when asked about my religion I should answer: "I am Jewish".

This did not bother me too much until I was separated from most of my friends when they attended Sunday School, and at Xmas I found myself wondering why Santa Claus was for all children and Jesus Christ only for them. If Jesus was such a wonderful man why was I not free to join my friends in their admiration for him?

I could hardly wait to grow up. Then I would make up my own mind as to what I would want to be - a policeman, a fireman, a doctor. It would be up to me to marry the girl of my choice, and it seemed clear to me that everything concerning my adult life would ultimately be decided by me.

Only many years later did it dawn on me that this is not so. Already at the time of your birth others made a decision for you which will retain unalterable validity throughout your lifetime. Before you can see, before your brain develops, others assign a religion to you as if this were their unquestionable right or duty. With this religion you will be identified forever. No matter whether you practice this right or duty. With this religion, you abandon it (which will be held against you). No matter whether you religion, no matter whether you would rather be guided by philosophers than by ministers, priests or rabbis. No matter whether you think that separating human beings is detrimental to mankind and that it cannot be God's will to have different religious groups - each claiming to be Number One with God - pray to HIM or HER.

When asked about our religion we are still supposed to either name one of the well-known religions or admit, somewhat embarrassed, that we are not religious.

What about those of us who believe in God but not in man-dividing religions or organizations? Those of us who see religious education as an initial stage in our lives from which we must graduate to a higher level - a conscious, direct affinity with God that governs our thoughts, activities and granuate to a night fever a resistence. Those of us who have no sincere desire to repeat the text of decisions every minute of our existence. printed prayers just as we feel no need to look at our school books anymore.

Let us give our questioners a very simple, uniform answer and tell them proudly: I am a "Believer!" and until this answer is widely understood let us explain: A "Believer" believes in God but prays to God alone in his own way or with his fellow human beings in a House of God where no particular brand of religion is promoted.

A "Believer" feels inner resentment when members of the religious profession treat him or her as a child or an inferior.

A "Believer" feels repelled by anybody's attempt to pose as God's authorised representative. A "Believer" will bow to no mortal - only to God's voice in his or her God-given

conscience. "Believers" will exchange their thoughts about religion any time, any where whenever the

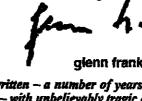
occasion arises - simply as human beings, not as members of any organization. Only "Believers" can free themselves from indoctrination and embark on the overdue task of dealing realistically with tradition, eliminating the outdated and retaining the good.

Only "Believers" will find the strength in themselves to finally challenge the false claim that we were born protestants, catholics, jews, hindus, moslems, buddhists or what have you.

No one was ever born with a religion. God created only one human specimen - the human being - and that is what we are when we are born. Above all we must ask ourselves this question:

Do we behave - in word and action - as decent human beings?

The greatest deterrent to decent behaviour is prejudice. "Believers" must speak courageously against any form of prejudice to rid the world of our religious, racial and color problems.

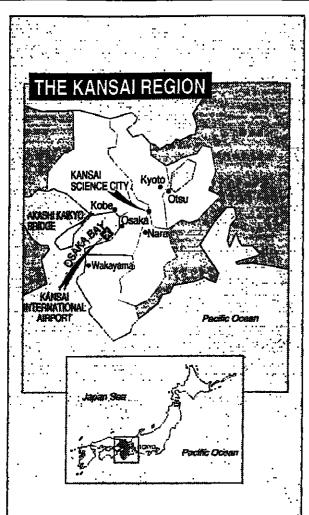


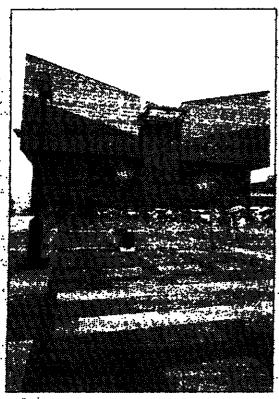


Since these words were written - a number of years ago - prejudice, hate and violence have increased a thousandfold - with unbelievably tragic consequences. I want to share my husband's ideas, contained in what he called "I AM A BELIEVER" with as many people as possible: hoping to inspire. And this thought I want to add: I AM A BELIEVER is a call to THINK and REFLECT - it is a call to discard prejudice and hate from our hearts and minds. It is urgent - time is running out.

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Region in Western Japan Is World's Seventh-Biggest Economy

The Kansai region has both productive business opportunities and scenic cultural spots that attract visitors as well as residents.

Kansai, in western Japan, encompasses the major cities of Osaka. Kobe and Kyoto. The region includes six prefectures (districts) and over 20 million people, roughly 16 percent of Japan's total population.

Economically productive, the region represents 17 percent of Japan's gross national product, about \$500 billion. Kansai's gross regional product accounts for 2.3 percent of the world's gross national product.

According to the Kansai Economic Federation (Kankeiren), the region's economy is equivalent to that of Canada, the seventh-biggest economy in the world.

Major commercial enterprises - from electronics firms, banks, textile manufacturers, and trading companies to chemical and pharmaceutical corporations, port facilities, steel companies and electric utility firms - are based in this part of Japan.

Kansai's internationalization is represented by the composition of its foreign trade. Kobe and Osaka ports handle about 20 percent of Japan's exports and 16 percent of its imports, worth a total of 11.6 trillion yen (approximately \$1 billion) in 1992. More than 40 percent of Kansai's imports come from China and Southeast Asia, and about 22 percent come from North America

As for Kansai's financial sector, there are 42 branches and representative offices of foreign commercial banks — 16 from Europe. The Osaka Securities Exchange, renowned for its trading of Nikkei 225 futures and options, has attracted 28 non-Japanese securities brokerages as members and special participants.

The region's inhabitants are as diverse as its economy. Osaka residents maintain the independent and mercantilist spirit of the city, while the people of Kyoto and Nara nurture the development of creative enterprises today just as these cities' citizens did in the past. Kobe's reputation as a lovely, cosmopolitan port city of Asia is actively enhanced by the hospitality and openness of its

The result of this unique blend of personalities, traditions and businesses is the spirit of "cooperative competi-

tiveness" evident in the many joint-venture projects now under way in the region. Reports compiled by the Center for the Industrial Renovation of Kansai state that the total cost of 615 current projects is 40 trillion yen, or \$360

Destined to play a key role in the region, the new Kansai International Airport is scheduled to open next year as Japan's first around-the-clock facility; it will have a maximum capacity of 160,000 takeoffs and landings, over 30 million passengers and 1.4 million metric tons of cargo annually.

Since this area of Japan has not reached its limits in terms of development, it has more potential, and the airport will add a charge to the economy," says Charles Besford, general manager of The Westin Osaka hotel. Public and private firms are playing a vital part in

One benefit for business: commercial rents can be around 1/3 of Tokyo's

facilitating the region's growth. "Our goal is to stimulate the regional economy by improving the infrastructure," explains Yasushi Santo, the associate director and general manager of international business for Osaka Gas. For the new airport, The Kansai Electric Power Co., Inc. and Osaka Gas Co., Ltd. have actively worked together on a

cogeneration system.

Osaka Bay's developing Technoport project features the World Trade Center and the Asia and Pacific Trade Center, designed to strengthen business relations between Kansai and the rest of the world. Kansai Science City, two environmental technology foundations established by the United Nations, and many more planned scientific institutions promise to expand the region's cultural, technical and academic networks. Close cooperation among industry, government and academia is already taking place.

To promote Kansai Science City, the chairman of Kansai Electric Power, Shoichiro Kobayashi, is serving as the president of its development corporation. Other organizations in Kansai, like the Kansai Economic Federation, have been following this practice of lending executives and staff during the initial development stages of major projects as part of their involvement and invest-

ment in the region. A new bridge, soon to be the longest suspension bridge in the world, will link Kobe with Awaji Island, which is already connected to Shikoku Island by the Ohnaruto

In combination with man-made Rokko Island and Port Island, this will increase tourism and commerce around Kobe Port. Kobe Port is the biggest port in Japan and the third-largest in the world in terms of gross tonnage; roughly 170 million tons of cargo were transported through the port in 1992.

Overall, the entire region aims to strengthen its already firm global ties, particularly with Asia, and at the same time better "meet the needs of today's informationoriented age," says Takashi Tokunaga, deputy general manager of Kansai Electric Power's financing and accounting department.

To help meet these goals, Kansai Electric Power holds informational meetings for investors throughout Asia and Europe annually and trains technicians and senior managers from China and Southeast Asia at its own

The Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry sponsors the Global Opportunities Business Convention (G-BOC) each year to encourage foreign business and government representatives to meet with their Kansai counterparts. Over 800 non-Japanese participants, many from China, attended lectures and business talks at G-Masafumi Ohnishi, chairman of Osaka Gas, currently acts as the chairman of the Osaka Chamber of Commerce

with businesses in the Kansai area, where rental costs can be as low as one-third of Tokyo's. Kansai would like to raise the total number of foreignaffiliated companies doing business in the area, which now totals approximately 300.

and Industry, which recently sent a delegation to the United States to highlight the benefits of working in or

To do this, and to firmly establish Kansai as an international hub in Asia, will require greater centralization within the region's governing bodies and further decentralization in Tokyo, say leaders of the Kansai Economic Federation, who are working nationally on the

Judging from the private sector's ability to work cooperatively rather than just competitively, and to diversify and restructure its operations, the region's growing pros-

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New Projects Reflect Local Dynamism

 Kansai International Airport, slated to open in the summer of 1994 in Osaka Bay, will be an aroundthe-clock facility with an automated public transportation system, separate domestic and international cargo terminals, and a railway station. Cars and trains will travel to the island airport by way of a 3.75 kilometer bridge. A feasibility study is being carried out for the addition of two more runways to the airport, which would bring its capacity to 260,000 takeoffs and land-

ings per year.
• Rinku Town, the commercial and business zone serving as the gateway to the new airport, will in-clude the "Pacific City" development, designed to meet the needs of international firms.

• In the rural area that joins Osaka, Kyoto and



The new Kansai International Airport will open in 1994.

Nara Prefectures, the 15,000-hectare (37,000acre) Kansai Science City is bringing together stateof-the-art scientific research facilities affiliated with corporations, public institutions and universities. Researchers at the 3,300-hectare Culture and

Scientific Research Districts and its Advanced Telecommunications Research Institute are hard at work, and the Research Institute of Innovative Technology for the Earth

will soon be in use. Osaka Bay's Technoport Osaka area presently

encompasses the international trade fair site IN-TEX and will soon include business, housing and recreational facilities such as the Osaka Teleport communications center, the Asia and Pacific Trade Center for import and wholesale activities, the 252-meter World Trade Center Building (Osaka). and the Air Cargo City Terminal • Tempozan Harbor

Village is a recreational area of Osaka Bay centered around the Osaka Aquarium and its unique exhibits of marine life in the Pacific Ocean. The central tank holds 1.4 million gallons of water, making it one of the world's largest. Tempozan Marketplace's 80 international shops and restaurants are right next door to the aquarium.

• The bustling central area of Osaka has just incorporated New Umeda City, consisting of the 40-story Sky Building (actually two towers joined at the top by the Sky Garden restaurant), two adjoining of-fice centers and The Westin Osaka.

 Osaka Business Park, located near the city center and the landmark Osaka Castle, includes 11 major buildings such as the Twin 21 towers, the International Market Place Building. and Osaka-Jo (Castle)

 The waterfront areas of Kobe have recently been dramatically revamped. Port Island is the base of the Kobe Convention Center and Kobe Chamber of Commerce & Industry, while Rokko Island includes facilities for major international businesses and the Kobe Fashion

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GEARING UP FOR THE 21 ST CENTURY

A Spectacular Mix of Culture, Scenery

The majority of Japan's major cultural and scenic sites are centered in Kansai, although the region occupies less than 10 percent of the nation's total land area. Kansai is known as the cradle of the nation's civilization.

Kansai is home to the ancient capitals of Kyoto and Nara, as well as Himeji Castle, the holy mountains of Koya and Hiei, and Japan's largest lake, Biwa. According to Japan's Cultural Affairs

Historic sites and natural beauty abound

Agency, over half of the country's national treasures and one-third of its most important historic' sites are located in Kansai. The result is a steady influx of local and foreign tourists. Kyoto Prefecture hosts 52 million visitors

each year, including about 400,000 non-Japanese.

The region's history is rich. Japan's first permanent capital was established at Nara in 710, a century after the impres-sive Buddhist seminary of Horyu-ji had been founded nearby.

Throughout the pleasant, mountainous area of Nara, sites such as the Great Buddha, breathtaking pagodas and beautiful shrines can be visited.

Southwest of Nara is Mount Koya in Wakayama Prefecture, a holy area covered with giant cedars where Japan's great saint Kobo Daishi established a Buddhist monastery in 816. Millions of pilgrims come to the area each year to worship in Mount Koya's sacred halls, visit its 200,000 tombs and stay in one of its 53 smaller

From this part of Kansai, it is only a short trip north to Kyoto, where visitors can view the magnificent imperial living quar-ters and ceremonial halls of the Kyoto Imperial Palace, as well as Nijo Castle in the city center, just two examples of the city's historical attractions.

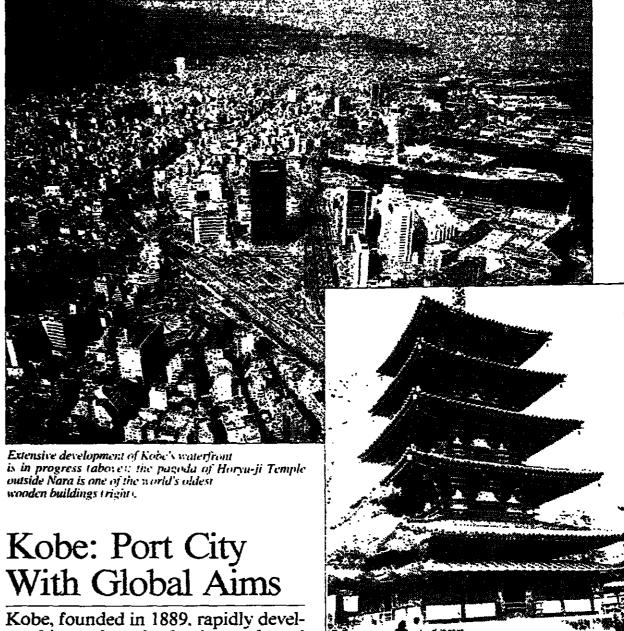
The natural beauty of areas in and around Kyoto reveals why changing seasons have traditionally been celebrated by Japanese poets and artists: there are the cherry blos-

soms of Kiyomizu-dera Temple, the splendor of Lake Biwa and the Amanohashidate Peninsula in summer, the colorful leaves of the Arashiyama Mountain area in fall and the sparkle of ice and snow resting on the Golden and

Visitors looking to relax in a Zen garden or explore a secret hideaway in a ninja house will enjoy Shiga Prefecture.

Silver Pavilions in winter.

The architectural features and elegance of Himeji Castle in Hyogo Prefecture, nicknamed "White Egrei" because of its resemblance to the exquisite bird, delight travel-



oped into a base for foreign trade and heavy industry, and retains an international outlook.

Located between the Rokko Mountains and the western shores of Osaka Bay, Kobe has attracted about 43,000 foreigners from the Koreas. China. the United States, India. Vietnam, Britain, the Philippines, Germany, Thailand and 70 other nations - bringing the city's total

population to 1.5 million. Although about 40 percent of the city's economy is linked to the port and port-related industries. Kobe's other industries. including shoes, apparel, furniture and pearls, are also very important to the

city's growing economy. The Kobe harbor area is now being radically reconstructed to accommodate

Kobe's perspective is international

the needs of the port and the community.

Three major projects — Rokko Island, Port Island and Harborland - were designed to provide the city with cargo space as well as a host of urban facilities including new

shopping areas. These developments are meant to function as major centers for international commerce, education, housing, tourism and conventions. On Rokko Island, the world's largest man-made island, Procter & Gamble's new headquarters

ity to the Kobe Fashion This futuristic part of Kobe is complemented by the historic sections of the city and Rokko Mountain. Chinatown, the Ijinkan

and technical center have

been built in close proxim-

district with its Westernstyle homes and nearby gourmet restaurants, and the Arima Spa are colorful spots enjoyed by visitors and residents alike. The dynamism and

global outlook of the city is as impressive as its natural surroundings. With the new Akashi Kyokai Bridge linking Kobe and Awaji Island, and marine transportation to take passengers to and from the Kansai International Airport, Kobe will be even more accessible to other parts of Japan and the world.

Osaka: A Long History of Doing Business

Osaka has thrived for over 1,000 years as an active center of commerce, reflected today in the buoyancy of its 42,000 small and medium-sized businesses. The 9 million people living in the greater Osaka area contribute to the city's growing national and global role.

Full of modern skyscrapers, the area near Osaka Castle has come to symbolize the city's mix of rich history and prosperous modernity. The downtown Umeda district - an even larger center of retail stores, office space, hotels and train stations used by some 1.5 million people a day -is now dominated by the twin donut-shaped Sky Garden that

unites them.
"The innovative northern part of downtown Osaka will be the site of future development as it takes shape as the business hub of the city," says Charles Besford, The Westin Osaka's general manager.

South of Umeda are the thriving commercial areas of Namba and Nipponbashi, where vendors sell

electronic goods from locally based global giants Matsushita, Mita, Minolta, Sanyo, Sharp and others. The talented puppeteers of the National Bunraku Theater perform regularly in neighboring Dotonbori district.

Many districts of greater Osaka developed as purely commercial ar-

City's industries focus on value-added goods

eas for the production of textiles and distribution of goods. As the city's industries become more knowledgeintensive and higher-value-added in content, inactive areas are being converted into recreational zones.

Tempozan Harbor Village, inaugurated in July 1990, has already drawn more than 12 million visitors to what was formerly a warehouse district. Future crowds of tourists, particularly from Hong Kong, South Korea and Taiwan, are anticipated, says Tatsuo Funakoshi, director of publicity for the Osaka Waterfront Development Co., Ltd., which is responsible for the project.

ple in and around the city, Osaka Prefecture is extending 11 major expressways. These transportation networks and new railway lines will allow easy travel to and from the Kansai International Airport.

In addition, city air terminals are planned in Osaka (as well as in Kyoto and Kobe) to smooth check-in procedures for passengers at the new

Kyoto: Creative Traditions Still Thriving

Kyoto's history as Japan's ancient capital (794-1868) is evident everywhere in and around this modern city of about 1.5 million residents.

War II, it is the only major city in Japan that retains its prewar urban structure, fashioned after the Tangera Chinese capital.

The Kamo river still runs through town, separating the charming restaurants and teahouses with their distinctive yuka (wooden verandas) on the western side from the enchanting geisha quarters and shops of the Gion district on the eastern side. Greater Kyoto boasts

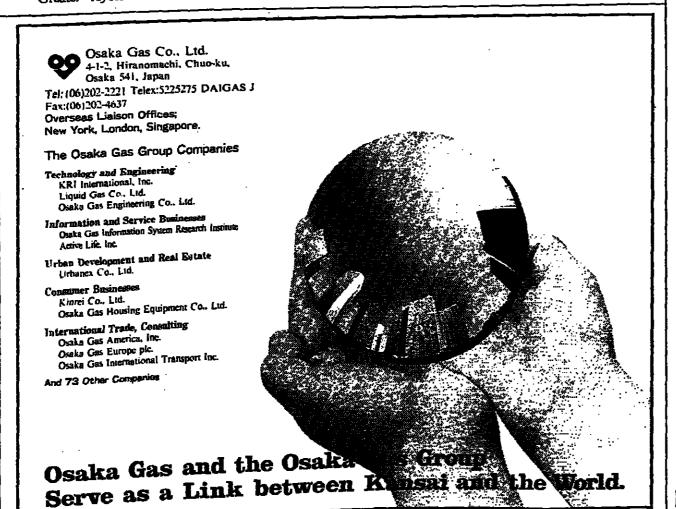
Since the city escaped the numerous universities, fire bombs of World Buddhist temples, Shinto shrines, gardens, imperial villas and traditional industries dedicated to the making of textiles, ceram-

ics and paper fans. Kyoto remains the national and global head-quarters of schools for the traditional arts of Japanese flower arrangement and the tea ceremony. In addition, the past is kept alive in the city's daily life through Kyoto's many lestivals, such as Gion Matsuri, held every July, which of elaborate ancient floats. Kyoto's cultural and commercial heritage is expressed today in a variety

of nontraditional industries as well, which tend to be concentrated south and north of the city. Hightech corporations like Nintendo, Kyocera and Omron produce a long list of high-value-added items. Other important manufacturing activities in the Kyoto area are concentrated in the textile and food industries.

In the coming year, the city will celebrate the 1,200th anniversary of its founding as Heian-kyo,

the Capital of Peace. Appropriately, the Kyoto International Conference Hall will be the venue for the fourth World Conference of Historical Cities less than three months before the main celebrations get started in July 1994. giving the city a chance to show in the world its success in delicately balancing modernization and





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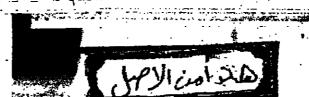
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TRADE: Policy Shift May Aid Foreign Companies Operating in the U.S.

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owned companies would have a lower priority. The comensus represented an accommoda-tion between Labor Seatetary Robert B. Reich and Laura D'Andrea Tyson, the head of the Council of Economic Advisers, who took opposite positions during their academic careers on whether the nationality of a company's owners mattered.

In addition to Prefessor Tyson and Mr. Reach, the meeting also included the U.S. trade representative, Mickey Kantor, Robert E. Rubin, the coordinator of the National Economic Council; and Commerce Secretary Ronald H.

The compromise will be used to draft a road map for trade and commerce officials in decid-ing which battles to fight and where to apply scarce resources for aid to exporters. More broadly, it represents a reordering of priorities that will affect a range of issues in American trade policy and export promotion for the rest of the Clinton administration.

The compromise also reflects disenchantment in Democratic circles with the Bush administration's long and successful effort to perstude Japan to allow Toys 'R' Us and other companies to open large retail stores there. The

first Toys R' Us store opened on Dec. 20, 1991, but less than a fifth of the toys sold there are States and overseas. being made in the United States, according to company figures.

Bush administration officials have defended

the arrangement by asserting that it has also opened the way for Japanese corporations to open large stores in Japan. These corporations are generally more willing than small store

owners to stock American-made goods.

In addition, some small American toy makers that supply Toys R. Us in the United States are now seeing their goods sold in Japan for the first time because they supply Toys 'R' Us

A Clinton administration official who insisted on anonymity said that the meeting also included a discussion of the difficulties of putting the philosophical compromise into policy

Participants at the meeting pointed out that it was difficult to determine what is an American company now when joint ventures and international stock investors mean that a company may have many owners in many countries, the official said.

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As a result of the meeting, an administration As a result of the meeting, an administration policy paper is being rapidly drafted by officials from several agencies, another administration official said. The paper will set guidelines for choosing the foreign markets the United States will try to open, the official said.

The Commerce Department and other federal agencies will use the same outdelines in

al agencies will use the same guidelines in determining which companies to help with information and financing for exports.

The debate over which companies to help will become even more significant if the Clinton administration pursues an industrial policy of providing government subsidies to businesses in certain industries, said Julius L. Katz, who was the senior deputy U.S. trade representative in the Bush administration. Identifying the na-tionality of a company's owners is administratively difficult, he said.

The consensus was reached at an informal meeting at Mr. Kantor's office. Because a few agencies, notably the Treasury Department, were not represented at the meeting, the understanding reached by the five administration officials is still subject to a formal interagency

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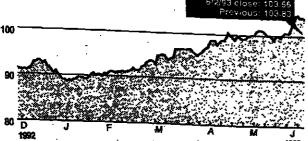
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Tokyo Imports a Property Slump Japan's Banks Wrestle With U.S. Real-Estate Losses

By Jeanne B. Pinder New York Times Service NEW YORK - They came. they saw, they bought - and now

they're stuck During the real estate boom of the 1980s. Japanese investors purchased or financed tens of billions of dollars of American property, including prestigious sites such as Rockefeller Center. the Tiffany's building and the Exxon building in Manhattan.

But now these buildings, like many other properties bought during the boom, are worth a fraction of the prices paid for them. And their buyers now confront the same unpleasant choices that many others have faced: foreclosing on mortgages, writing down loans and acknowledging grave losses, or selling the whole mess to someone else, almost cer-

Among the most noticeable problems are these:

· Mitsubishi Estate Co. bought 80 percent of the shares of Rockefeller Group Inc., which owns Rockefeller Center and other assets, starting in 1989, A realestate investment trust holds a mortgage for \$1.3 billion on 12 of the center's buildings, but an appraisal by the trust last year found that the buildings were worth only \$1.2 billion in the current market. Their value could be further reduced by lower rental covering about 40 percent of the rents come up for renewal. partly owned by Shuwa.

 Shuwa Corp. of Tokyo has been struggling under \$10 billion in debt accumulated as it bought the Arco Plaza complex in Los Angeles, the U.S. News and World Report building in Washington and other properties. Shuwa's banks are trying to assist it, but in New York, according to published reports, Metropolitan life Insurance Co. has started to

foreclose on an 18-story Madison Avenue office building that is

• A hankrupicy plan for the 1.400-room Westin Bonatenture holel, the biggest in downtown Los Angeles, was approved in December after the owners — Mitsubishi Trading Co, and John C. Portman, a developer — defaulted on their \$75 million moregage. The Waterfront Hilton hotel in Huntington Beach.

Property Problems

Past-due real estate loans as a percentage of all loans, for banks in California, New York and all of the United States.

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California, filed for bankrupteylaw protection last month after defaulting on its \$57.7 million construction loan when the Los Angeles branch of Dai-Ichi Kangvo Bank moved to foreclose.

Japanese banks in the United States have seen their had loans rise to 13.3 percent of their debt from 5 percent two years ago. according to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco — even though the bad-loan problem has been easing for banks overall. In that same two-year period, the Fed reports, banks in the United States on average have seen their proportion of past-due real-estate loans drop to 6.7 percent from 8.8

"It's part of a very sharp learning curve," Sanford R. Goodkin. principal of Goodkin & Associates, a firm of real-estate analysts based in San Diego, said of the Japanese experience with American properties, "The learning curve says. Boy, this sure looks easy. The second phase is "Look what we own!" The third is Why did we buy that? The tourth is Who hought that, and whose head can we chop off? The lifth is. Now that we've got it, what do we do with it?"

Yuko Takanaka, president of Takanaka & Co. Investment, an investment-banking firm in Los Angeles that serves Asia and the Pacific region, said of Japanese

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Bundesbank Wary of Rapid Rate Cuts

By Brandon Mitchener

New York Times Service FRANKFURT - After a series of cuts this spring raised hopes of a fast relaxation in German interest rates, more recent moves suggest

the Bundesbank is holding tight for awhile. The central bank on Wednesday left its most mportant short-term interest rate unchanged for the fourth week in a row, and analysts now say new cuts in the benchmark discount and Lombard rates are not expected before August. The Bundesbank's governing board meets on

Thomas Mayer, a senior economist at Goldman Sachs, citing recent reports of runaway inflation, money supply growth and government

"The textbook response would be to raise rates," not cut them any further. Mr. Mayer said, but that option is ruled out by the Bundesbank's stated intention of bringing rates down during what is being called the country's worst recession ever.

The Bundesbank cut its discount rate, the floor on German money market rates, to 7.25 percent on April 23, and slashed its main mon-

in an interview at the time that the fiercely independent central bank would cut rates as quickly as it could without damaging faith in

e Deutsche mark. Mr. Schlesinger repeated that policy Wednesday in a speech to bankers in Bonn: "We don't regard the prevailing level of market rates as dogma. We must sound out what is conceivable, what is good for the economy or could be good for the economy, without getting onto the precipitous path of inflationary developments or inflationary expectations."

Interest rates have fallen little since the be-

of May, however, and Mr. Schlesin **BUNDESBANK, Page 17**

Bentsen Signals Truce in Battle Over the Yen

PARIS - The U.S. Treasury secretary. Lloyd Bentsen, using the annual ministerial meeting here of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development as his podium, declared a truce Wednesday in the battle with Japan over the high-flying yen.

However, Mr. Benisen, after bluntly telling Japan its huge trade surplus continued to undermine the health of other economies. pressed Tokyo as well as the European Community to act more strongly to stimulate global eco-

nomic growth. In two short sentences and an insistent silence, Mr. Bentsen delivered the message that the U.S. idministration was through with further comments that could be seen as driving up the ven in an attempt to trim Japan's soaring trade surplus.

"There's been a misunderstanding." Mr. Bentsen told reporters. "We are not seeking an appreciation of the ven."

He refused to be lured into further remarks of the sort that have brought the dollar in recent weeks to its lowest ebb against the vensince the end of World War II.

Tokyo has expressed increasing anger over what it sees as Washington's encouragement of a stronger ven through comments ranging from an official remark by President Bill Clinton to innuendo and good-cop, bad-cop remarks by other U.S. officials.

Mr. Bentsen and an EC Commission vice president. Henning Christophersen, also used the occasion of the OECD meeting to insist that Tokyo could do more to advance global economic growth and boost Japanese domestic demand.

They can do more in terms of fiscal policy to stimulate their economy." Mr. Bentsen said, adding that while the Japanese government's economic stimulation package outlined in April would contribution that substantial remore was needed.

Mr. Bentsen said. "These surpluses are a global problem. They are hurting world growth. That must

Hajime Funada, Japun's minis-ter of state economic planning, rejected this, assuring his colleagues that recovery in Japan was under-way and would be "broadly felt"

later this year. Mr. Bentsen also urged Europe to accelerate interest-rate cuts. Given the current recession and diminishing wage and price pres-sures, further substantial reducions are prudent. he said.

Policymakers, meantime, provided no new remedies to reduce the high and rising levels of unemployment in Europe. European ministers stressed that they had little means to spur employment as budget deficits need to be restrained to bring down the high level of interest rates.

Mr. Christophersen told reporters that to break the increase in unemployment, the European Community needed to achieve a rate of growth of 3 to 3.5 percent. This target could be achieved by 1995, he said, "but no one can be

Europe's problems are not just the result of the deepening recession in Germany, he said. Europe needs a reduction of at least 2 percentage points in short-term interest rates and the inability of the rest of Western Europe to get interest rates significantly below German levels reflected high budget deficits

in all countries, he added. ■ Rebuke on Farm Aid

The OECD on Wednesday rebuked its 24 wealthy member states for allowing farm subsidies to grow last year despite pledges to reduce a flow of cash that distorts global trade, Reuters reported from Paris.

With current high unemployment and low growth, the OECD noted in a report the important produce modest growth, much form of agricultural policies could make to world economic performance. Nearly half the value of count surpluses continue to ex- farm produce in OECD countries is pand, as domestic demand grows made up of subsidies to farmers.

These Days, Italiends These Days, Italiends By Jay Mathews These Days Italiends Bundesbank bark inthe choice but to take a breather, vsaid bark president. Helmut Schlesinger, also said Washington Post Service EW YORK — John F. Kennedy shunned hats and nearly ruined the felt industry. Bette Davis proved that movie stars need not be beautiful. Now, the billionaire

Gates, is by his success raising new doubt about the business world's favorite academic title: the MBA. The MBA, a product of the 20th century, always has carried the

taint of lowly commerce and greed in the maple-lined quadrangles Even with the recession apparently cutting into hiring, to move up too fast; about 79,000 are expected to re-

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men and women who someday want to run companies.

"If you are going into the corporate world it is still a disadvantage not to have one," said Donald G. Morrison, a professor at the University of California at Los Angeles. "But in the last five years or so, when someone says, "Should I attempt to get an MBA?" the answer a lot more is: It depends."

The success of Mr. Gates and others, such as the late Sam Walton of Wal-Mart Stores Inc., has helped inspire campus debates over the business degree and whether management skills can be taught. The Harvard Business Review printed a lively exchange after the creation of a fictional, outspoken chief executive — James R. Martin, of Bay International Industries — who donated letters and martin, of Bay International Industries — who donated letters and martin, of Bay International Industries — who donated letters and memos dramatizing his complaints about the business degree. In one memo, "Mr. Martin" praised the hiring of engineering rather

The Review quoted him as saying: "The MBA kids want to move up too fast, they don't understand politics and people and they aren't able to function as part of a team until their third year. But by they is not tooking for the rest tooking for the rest."

aren't able to function as part of a team until their fund year. But by then, they're out looking for other jobs."

The problem, most participants in the debate acknowledge, is that in the 1970s and 1980s the MBA acquired an aura of future

riches and power far beyond its actual usefulness.

Mr. Morrison said schools now put more emphasis on personnel skills, but "I think it is a mistake." Teaching analytical methods is important, he said, "and I think the pendulum will swing back."

Frederick W. Wackerle, a Chicago-based recruiter who specializes in finding chief executives, said the majority of his best candidates were MBAs and he occasionally would be asked why a

person he was recommending did not possess the degree.

Property-stock prices surged after Quantum Fund NV, Mr. Soros's investment vehicle, and British Land formed the British Land Quantum Property Part-nership, with finances of £500 million (\$772.7 million), which

British Land gained 46 pence to close at 344 on the London Stock Exchange, and several other real estate issues rose in

"Judging from the share prices, the magic seems to have worked in the property sector as well," said the property-sector analyst Naresh Gudka of Paribas Capital Markets, praising the timing of the action. Property prices in Britain are widely believed to have hit bottom and

on the verge of recovery. The Midas touch of Mr. Soros saw the funds he managed make nearly \$1 billion when the pound was forced from the EC exchange-rate mechanism last September. He

cent of the leading producer Newmont Mining Corp. of the United States from the finan-

cier Sir James Goldsmith. Now he has waded into British property as the market struggles out of a downturn that began in 1988.

The British Land chairman.

John Ritblat, said the deal would give him extra firepower as the British economy emerges from a protracted recession and provides scope for transactions

in the property sector. Quantum and British Land are investing £250 million each, with the bulk of British Land's contribution coming from a rights issue for £132 million and £33.7 million from Quantum's purchase of 11.3 million British

Mr. Ritblat's finance direc-tor. John Weston Smith said that this capital, which British Land would manage, would al-low for "very, very big pur-chases;" he did not rule out corporate acquisitions.

Analysts agreed, saying that British Land, which made a pre-tax profit of £34.6 million in the year to March, now had the clout to acquire a major British

"What we're glad about is that Soros has chosen us and that he's ready to put lots of money into the United King-dom," said Mr. Weston Smith.

Soros Turns Sights On U.K. Property

LONDON — George Soros, the Hungarian-born billionaire, turned his attention to British property on Wednesday to form a new partnership with British Land Co.

could be geared to raise funds of £1 billion (\$1.55 billion) or

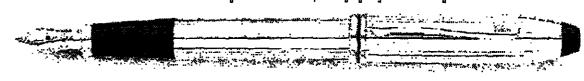
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Shares Edge Higher As Rates Stay Low

NEW YORK — U.S. stocks edged higher Wednesday as low long-term interest rates continued to support the market.

The Dow Jones industrial average just failed to set a record for a second straight day, however, as the index pulled back in the final 30

N.Y. Stocks

minutes of trading. The Dow in-dustrials closed 1.11 points higher at 3,553.45, just below the record closing high of 3,554.83.

"The stock market keeps climb-

ing and it shows no signs of letting tip as long as interest rates stay low," said Kenneth Liebler, president of Liberty Financial Services inc. Billions of dollars continue to be poured into stock funds as investors switch money from lowjielding fixed-income securities, Mr. Liebler said. When rates fall, fixed-income investments like bonds become less attractive when

compared with stocks.
"That's the main reason why stocks are as high as they are," said Richard Meyer, head of institu-tional trading at Ladenburg, Thal-mann & Co. "If this situation

Advancing common stocks led declining issues by about 8 to 7, ta-maker was lowered to "hold" with shares of computer, aerospace from "buy" by Prudential Securities.

recording the biggest gains.

Trading on the Big Board was active, with about 289 million shares changing hands, up from

230 million shares on Tuesday. The yield on the benchmark 30year Treasury government bond was unchanged Wednesday at 6.88 percent. Long-term bond yields were little changed as the government released conflicting reports about the economic recovery.

The government first released a report showing that its key indicator of future economic growth rose a disappointing 0.1 percent in April. Then it reported that new single-family home sales jumped 22.7 percent in April to the fastest pace in more than six years.

MCI rallied 1% to 54% after British Telecom said it would form a global alliance with MCI through an international joint venture in which they will invest more than \$1 billion. British Telecom's ADRs, each of which represents 10 ordi-

nary shares, fell 11/2 to 651/2. Syntex Corp. slumped 11/2 to 19%. An advisory committee of the Food & Drug Administration voted not to recommend a version of the company's top-selling drug Nachanges, the stock market is in big prosvn for sale over the counter. Hershey Foods Corp., fell 2 to 51% after the confectioner and pas-

Brighter U.S. Outlook **Underpins the Dollar**

week.

NEW YORK - The dollar gained against major currencies here Wednesday, buoyed by a surge in new home sales in April and a pause in the rise of the yen. The pound fell for a second day, meantime, amid persistent speculation that the government is more willing to cut interest rates now that Prime Minister John Major

Foreign Exchange

has reshaped his cabinet. The pound finished at \$1.541, down from \$1.555 on Tuesday.
The dollar jumped 1.5 pfennig to finish at 1.598 Deutsche marks, up

from 1.583 DM on Tuesday.

The U.S. currency finished a fraction higher at 107.20 yen, holding onto gains made Tuesday when talk of central bank purchases helped pull the dollar from a post-World War II low of 106.55 yen.

Strong housing sales alone will not change the skeptical outlook on the dollar because other economic statistics have been weak, said James McGroarty, senior vice president at Greenwich Capital Markets. Peter Iversen, vice president at Shawmut Bank of Boston, said, "People will take a breather and

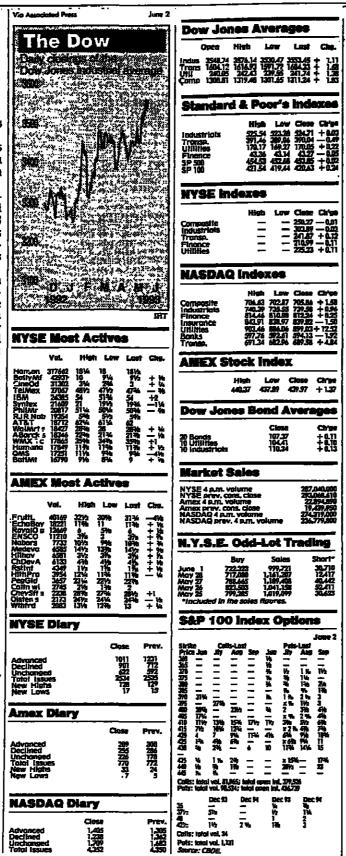
then push the dollar to 105 yen." The dollar could slip against the mark on Thursday, if, as many traders expect, the Bundesbank leaves interest rates unchanged after its biweekly policy meeting. The German central bank left key money market rates unchanged Wednesday, indicating that interest rates are not likely to drop this

The U.S. corrency has tumbled more than 14 percent against the yen this year, pushed lower by the Clinton administration's sporadic calls for an appreciation of the Japanese currency. The U.S. Treasury secretary, Lloyd Bentsen, attempted to call a truce in Paris.

Meanwhile, the dollar rose to 5.3885 French francs from 5.3480 francs on Tuesday and strength-ened to 1.4237 Swiss francs from

In London, also aided by the upbeat U.S. economic statistics, the dollar recouped a pfennig of its recent losses against the mark.

The dollar advanced to 1.5990 DM from a 1.5885 DM finish on Tuesday. The U.S. currency also 5.7 percent stake in Time Warner. (Bloomberg, Reuters) expected from the Time Warner investment.



helped push first-quarter earnings up by 5.9 percent, to \$162 million.

"We think loug-term, not short-term," said Edgar Bronfman Sr., chairman and chief executive. Seagram last week said it had acquired a

Du Pont Lifts Seagram Profit

MONTREAL — Seagram Co. said Wednesday that lower interest costs and improved results at Du Pont Co., of which it owns 24.3 percent,

Revenue at the wine, liquor and orange-juice concern slipped to \$1.20 billion from \$1.24 billion.

regained ground on the yen to Saying that Seagram's stake in Du Pont had risen in value to \$8.5 stand at 107.60, from 106.98 on billion from \$2.5 billion, Mr. Bronfman said that similar gains were

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ing gange rebounded only 0. ercent in April after its worst phunge in two years in March, the Com-erce Department said Wednesday. But, in a hopeful sign, sale: new homes soured 22.7 percent in April, the third straight gain, the decrement said. That boosted units sold to their highest level in more the ix years.

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whether the economy will be a randing or contracting.

This year, the index has belief in January and March and risen in February and April. The March decline was the worst since November 1900 since the contraction. 1990, signaling a continuation of the sharp slowdown from the economy's end-of-the-year growth rate.

Allstate's Public Offering Priced

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — Allstate Corp. raised \$2.12 billion on Wednesday with the sale of 78.5 million shares priced at \$27 each, the biggest initial public offering in U.S. history.

The offering of a 20 percent stake in the insurer by its parent company, Sears. Roebuck & Co., was priced by an underwriting group led by Goldman, Sachs & Co. Allstate was priced at the high end of its expected range of \$24 to \$77 each according to its realiminary propagating filed range of \$24 to \$27 each, according to its preliminary prospectus filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The settlement date is set

Proceeds from the stock sale have been stated to repay \$1.54 billion in debt and provide \$350 million in capital to Allstate Insurance Co., its operating subsidiary. Sears, which established Allstate in 1931, sold a 20 percent stake in the insurer as part of its plan to exit the financial services business and to cut its debt by \$3 billion.

Viacom and AT&T Plan Video Test

NEW YORK (Reuters) — Viacom International Inc. and American Telephone & Telegraph Co. said Wednesday that they would provide advanced interactive consumer video services in a Viacom system in Constant of the Constant of th

The venture is aimed at testing consumer interest in such services as movies-on-demand, games and home shopping. Testing will begin by the end of the year, with the first services available by mid-1994. The 18-month test will involve at least 1,000 homes and could be expanded to

AT&T is providing interactive video-server technology and software developed by its Bell Laboratories. The technology will allow consumers to select a movie from scores of titles and then stop, passe and rewind just as they do with a videocassette.

Cray Announces Private Stock Sale

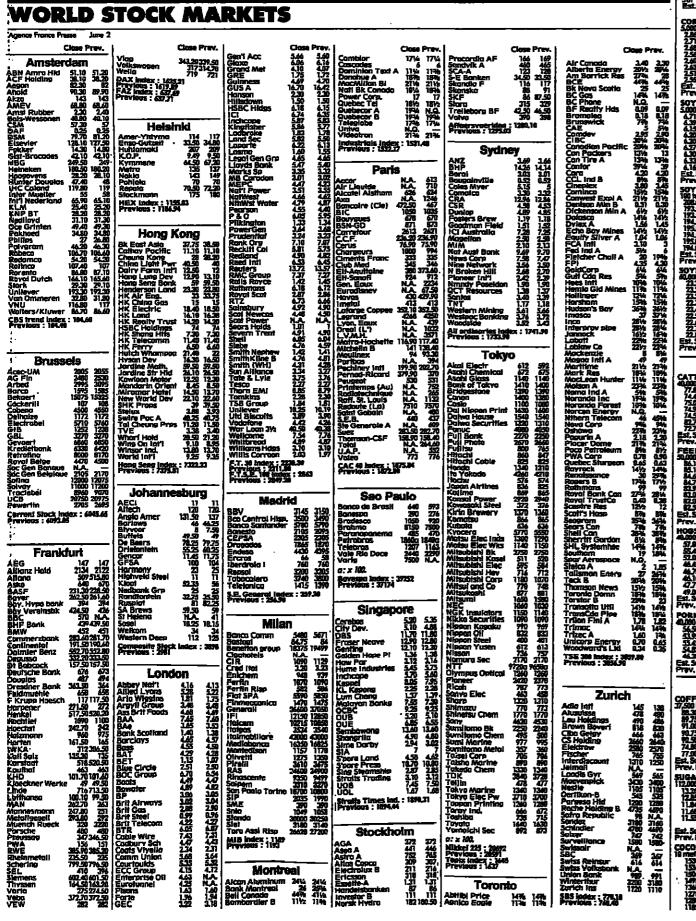
NEW YORK (NYT) —Cray Computer Corp. has announced plans to raise between \$73 million and \$29 million from a private stock sale to institutional and private investors.

Funds from the sale will be used to manufacture and market the company's Cray-3 supercomputer, which Seymour Cray, the company's founder, has been working on since 1985 and which he continued developing after leaving Cray Research to found Cray Companer in 1989. Cray, 67, has been building the Cray-3 supercomputer with chips made with gallium arsenide, a material that allows great speed but is more

difficult to work with than conventional silicon chips.

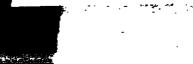
Cray Computer said it planned to sell between 9.8 million and 12.4 million unregistered shares of its common stock to institutional investors at \$2.25 a share. Cray will buy 1.8 million shares at \$2.75 each. Cray shares were trading slightly higher late Wednesday, at \$3.56.

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Mercedes Looks Down-Market Taking on Japanese Rivals, Firm to Make Mid-Priced Cars

STUTTGART - Mercedes-Benz AG's new chief executive, faced with a recession in Europe and tough competition abroad, is giving notice that he will take the battle against Japanese rivals to their home ground: mid-priced cars.

Mercedes-Benz sales have plunged as sales of Japanese luxury cars, such as the Toyota Lexus and Nissan Infiniti, surge. The German company's first-quarter revenue plunged nearly one-quarter, to 12.53 billion Deutsche marks (\$7.93 billion).

Now the unit of Daimler-Benz AG plans to broaden its output to include mid-priced cars as well as its luxury models.

"We will not retire to the ivory tower of the mega-luxury class; but will attack the Japanese in their very own market niches as well," said the new Mercedes chief executive. Hel-mut Werner. "It takes little imagination to predict that with that we shall reshuffle the cards in the game quite a bit."

Mercedes already has revamped its current

range of smaller limousines with the official launch this week of the new C-Class limou-

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

Beregovoy, the former French prime minister who committed suicide last month, went on

trial along with eight others on Wednesday in

an insider-trading case linking high finance and

Alain Boublil, Mr. Bérégovoy's chief of staff

when he was finance minister in 1988, and the

others are charged with using confidential in-formation on the takeover by the state-run

aluminum group Pechiney of the U.S. packag-

ing giant American National Can Co. in 1988.

The defendants, besieged by cameras at the

PARIS - A long-time associate of Pierre

sine. The company said the model, which was developed under the previous chief executive. Werner Niefer, and costs about 45,000 DM, had been an overwhelming success. Executives said last week that the entire 1993 production - 120,000 cars - had been sold.

As a second step to enter lower-price market segments, Mercedes wants to put a smaller Mercedes on the road by the end of 1994. "Our product strategy isn't defensive, but an offensive response to the Japanese chal-

lenge," Mr. Werner said.

"The problem of such a strategy is, of course, that Mercedes would suddenly have to face the wind of competition in a lowmargin, mass-production market," said Adrian Brundrett, auto analyst at Bank in Liechtenstein. "And that would mean a drastic change of its production strategy, mainly a decisive shift to lower wage sites outside

Mercedes's aim to broaden its range is the opposite of what Bayerische Motoren Werke AG, its rival, has chosen to do.

start of the trial, are accused of buying large numbers of shares in the U.S. firm before the

takeover. Investigators said shares were bought

The trial, expected to last at least five weeks.

has drawn headlines because of its links to Mr.

Bérégovoy's private office and also because it is

a test case for French regulators, criticized by

some for turning a blind eye to insider trading.

had been the target of a slander campaign in the press and the victim of a biased investigation.

francs (\$9 million), mostly for two businessmen

Mr. Boublil's lawyer told the court his client

The case is alleged to have netted 48.4 million

at \$9 and sold when they had soured to \$52.

BMW's chief executive, Bernd Pischetsrieder, has said repeatedly that his company

Insider Case Shakes French Socialists

wants to strengthen its position in the luxurycar range and has no intention to expand into other market segments.

So far, the numbers favor BMW's strategy BMW sales fell 6.4 percent, to 7.3 billion DM, in the first three months of 1993, compared with a 24 percent drop at Mercedes. While Mercedes has been running short

shifts and has cut jobs, BMW has not.

"In many ways, you can't compare us to BMW," said Mr. Werner. "For one, Mer-cedes is part of a diversified high-tech group and not just an independent automaker."

Like BMW, Mercedes has decided to start its own car production in the United States, forced by soaring labor and production costs in Germany.

"We are all moving in a global market now," said Mr. Werner. "The days of 'Made in Germany' are numbered, if not already over. In the future, we'll simply say 'Made by Mercedes-Benz' or 'Made by XY'Z.' At the same time, I think that Germany as a production site has excellent qualities, just not for all our production all the time."

One of them was Roger-Patrice Pelat, a close

friend of President François Mitterrand since

their internment together in a German prison-er-of-war camp in 1940. Mr. Pelat, who died in

1989, had offered an interest-free loan of one

million francs (\$185,000) to help Mr. Berego-

voy pay for an apartment in Paris, Mr. Berego-

voy shot himself on May 1, apparently de-pressed over the Socialists' election defeat and

and lines of up to 5 million francs (\$930,000) if

The defendants face up to two years in prison

revelations about the loan.

Indicators Underline Sluggishness of France's Economy

PARIS - French industrial activity declined further in May and trade was sluggish, official figures indicated on Wednesday, underlining warnings given by the government in launching recent crisis measures

The monthly poll of 3,000 business leaders by the national statistics institute, INSEE showed a slight fall in activity in all sectors except professional equipment.

The customs department reported that the trade balance showed a surplus of 4.76 billion francs (\$900) million) in February, but the figures for overall exports and im-ports showed that activity had been notably sluggish for several

Meanwhile, the French automahile trade organization said car output fell by 11.7 percent in April from the figure one year eather. In the first four months of the year. output was down by 13.6 percent.

Industrialists said they expected production prices to fall in the next few months. For industry as a whole excluding the food sector, overall and foreign orders were steady at a low level and stocks of finished goods were steady and remained unusually high.

France's trade surplus was aided by Airbus jetliner sales and a lower energy deficit. The surplus for the first two months of the year more than doubled, to 8.09 billion fraces, from 3.63 billion a year earlier.

The number of cars exported in April fell by 10.2 percent to (Reuters, AFP) 177,060 units and in the first four

14.8 percent to 677.557 units. Foreign cars held 39.6 percent of the market in May. In the first five months of the year, sales of foreign cars fell by 19.3 percent.

Sales of new cars in France could fall by 13 percent this year, according to Henry Streit, chairman of the French automakers organization, CCFA His prediction was more pessimistic than the organization's own study of the European market.

The study predicts a decline in new car sales this year to 11.79 million units for the 17 countries of Western Europe. (AFP, Reuters)

King of Bics Passes Baton

Agence France-Presse

PARIS - Baron Marcel Bich, the king of throw-away products from ballpoint pens to razors, said Wednesday he had signed over his company to his son Bruno.

Bruno, 47, said that the concern might sell its Guy Lar-oche fashion business as he took over the reins of Bic SA, a company founded 40 years ago that has reserves of more than I billion French francs (\$186 million).

When asked to describe his feelings on the change, the 79year-old businessman said: "i don't have any. In business you can't have feelings."

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· Storge Holdings PLC, the largest underwriting agent at Lloyd's of London, said the Lloyd's 1991 result would be significantly worse than expected a year ago and was cautious about 1992 and 1993.

 Telemundo Group Inc. said it was talking with Reuters Holdings PLC and British Broadcasting Corp. about forming a 24-hour Sparush-language cable-television news service for the United States, Spain and Latin

 Total SA said operating profit in the first half of 1993 would be stead? to slightly lower than a year earlier due to recession.

• The EC Commission said it had cleared French state aid for a five-year joint research and development project by Renault and PSA Peugent

 Metallgesellschaft AG said pretax operating profit in the first half fell
 39 percent to 98.3 million Deutsche marks (\$61.9 million); it called the result "unsatisfactory."

Dassault Aviation SA said first-quarter group sales had fallen 33 percent to 1.53 billion French francs (\$285 million).

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Phone Firms' Link Is Only a First Move

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said Mr. Altman. France Télécom

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distance network, and Metropoli-

tan Fibre Systems, which carries buge amounts of financial data. None of these technologies has

networks.

By Lawrence Malkin International Herald Tribune NEW YORK - The alliance of MCI Communications and British Telecom is a good strategic fit, matching MCI's technical and marketing skills with BT's huge

capital resources and possibilities

for access to the European market, analysts here said Wednesday. MCI President Daniel Akerson said at a news conference that 40 percent of the world's multinational corporations had headquarters in the United States and 14 percent partnership with Southwest Rell.
were based in Britain, putting more than half of those big companies try into the United States for a within the reach of the two partners.
But it remains to be seen whether

rate fit," said Courtney Munroe of Capacity of most of the American Phore Companies to link long distance and local the alliance will be "a good corpo-Services. "MCI is nimble and aggressive," he said, "but BT is still a stodgy corporate bureaucracy."

Moreover, the systems of the two partners are not compatible, as BT uses its own switches and MCI uses switches made by Canada's Northern Telecom. Technicians estimate it will take at least until the end of I the year even for MCT's software engineers to integrate the two, and even then it may have to be done with some sacrifice in quality.

This delay, said Ronald Altman, managing director for telecommunications at Furman Selz, will give American Telephone & Telegraph Co. an opportunity to pick up more clients. "I expect AT&T to offer a price break on private networks on long-term contracts before MCI can get up and running."

Just last week, AT&T announced a global communications network for business customers in an alliance with Singapore Telecom and Japan's Kokusai Denshin Denwa Co. The largest U.S. phone Company is still seeking a Europe-

an partner.
Robert B. Wilkes of Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. said a major question for both competitors would be the reaction of Continental telephone companies to their rival strategies. MCl is offering partnerships with several European phone companies, while AT&T is asking them to link up under threat of vaulting over them with its own network. Mr. Wilkes called AT&T's strategy risky and said, "I think the French and the Germans will hedge their bets." Both major players have permit-

ted this by allowing third parties to sign up with compeniors —in contrast to MCT's strategy in Canada. for example, where it insists on serving as an exclusive gateway to the United States.

One reason is that the Germans are not ready to commit themselves because they are busy rewiring the former East Germany and privatizing Deutsche Telekom, France Te-

BT: At British Telecom, Success Exacts Its Price: Thousands of Lost Jobs

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thing from uniforms to fiber-optic cable. Insulated from the rigors of competition, those suppliers were, in Mr. Rigby's words, "late, slow and expensive."

shopping for a U.S. partner and already has a link in Mexico with These days, those suppliers must actively compete for their share of Southwestern Bell of the United BT's annual £3.5 billion (\$5.5 bil-States and the company controlling Teléfonos de México. lion) budget for goods and services. a budget second only to that of the Mr. Altman said the French Ministry of Defense. company, which is already trying to reach into the pan-European mar-

Still, with a zealously free-market government having thrown the door wide open to competition, Asia links by running from Europe and with nearly a score of companies now licensed to provide telephone service in Britain, BT execu-

coudle anyone.

Far from regarding the restrucand the game as won, the company's leaders constantly cite a slow slippage in its share of the domestic market and exhort employees to achieve ever greater levels of productivity.

But finding its way in one of the world's most open telephone mar-kets gets harder by the day. Since they were allowed into the market two years ago, a host of cable companies have been plowing up the streets in U.K. metropolitan areas. They now go door to door, offering residents 24 channels of television

tives say they can ill-afford to plus a telephone at a rate that undercuis BT's.

BT has become a company alturing of the company as complete most obsessed with competition. It conducts extensive monthly surveys to measure customer satisfaction, and it holds its managers accountable for any setbacks in the readings.

Late last year, it introduced a pair of toll-free numbers for employees to call to report new marketing forays being launched by competitors or to pass on to headquarters any chance discoveries of potential new customers.

ways and small, BT still faces many of the problems that dog most oth- than during the Depression.

er British companies. One of the biggest is a shortage of skilled workers. Mr. Rigby's 750-person procurement operation does much of its own training, but he concedes he would rather not to have to do it.

"It is a very English thing of seeing purchasing and procurement as having something to do with trade, which is seen as vulgar," he said. — ERIK IPSEN

NEXT: General Electric, the only corporation remaining in the Dow-Jones Industrial Average of the original 30, restructured ahead of the But for all of its progress, in big curve but at a huge social cost: It has shed more jobs in the past decade

EC Plans Postal Competition

The Associated Press BRUSSELS - The EC Commis-

sion proposed Wednesday a cautions blueprint for breaking up Europe's national postal monopolies and opening them to competition in key sectors.

The commission called for further study to define how far national authorities should be protected from competition to underpin their national letter-delivery services.

the effects a limited lifting of monopolies would have on post offices.

It is widely expected that express-mail services and other special deliveries will be opened up to competition when EC states vote on the issue later this year.

"In the long run, no postal monopoly will be able to clude competition," said the EC telecommunications commissioner, Martin

The commission called for post It said more work was needed on offices to start preparing EC-wide competition by streamlining machinery and leuer standards.

PHONES: BT Takes Stake in MCI

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gether globe-spanning networks. "People are feeling that they have to do something before all the good opportunities disappear,"

to drive up their price.

been applied in Europe. field, Mr. Altman said, and neither has Britain's Cable & Wireless. which makes the potential competition multidimensional, not just three dimensions."

license with the Federal Communications Commission. At the news conference Wednesday, BT said it was continuing to seek a license to provide U.S. service independent

The company said its debt-to-equi-ty ratio at March 31 stood at 14 None of these technologies has val. Cable & Wireless, was rumored been applied in Europe.

US Sprint has not yet entered the little Mr. Alleman and Al over the last three years. He added that BT has cash flow of about £1.5 billion (\$2.3 billion), and will make

U.K.'s Department of Trade and Industry to grant AT&T a telephone license in the U.K.

the current scramble to piece to-

Mr. Warhurst said. It is the increased shortage of free agents in the industry that has done so much

In London on Wednesday, BT

Officials said they remained open to

\$4.3 billion price of the MCI deal. other international alliances. Meanwhile, BT's closest British ri-

Analysts in London said the MCI-BT accord may make AT&T more aggressive in its pursuit of Cable & Wireless, Bloomberg Busi-ness News reported. In addition, it

may increase pressure on the

[BT has filed a request for a U.S. of MCI but declined to elaborate.]

significant savings through its job-reduction program in the future.

REPUBLIC OF LEBANON MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT COUNCIL FOR DEVELOPMENT AND RECONSTRUCTION

BEIRUT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT PRE-QUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS

The Government of Lebanon, represented by the Ministry of Transport and the Council for Development and Reconstruction (CDR), invites applications from suitably qualified building and civil engineering contractors to pre-qualify to tender for the Rehabilitation and Extension of Beirut International Airport.

The Contract will comprise the construction of the following main elements:

- A new west runway (17/35) around 3400 meters long, the strip width is 300 meters and the graded portion of the strip is 210 meters, with approximately 1900 meters projecting into the sea, including marine protection works, all in accordance with international standards.
- Associated taxiways around 16 kms.
- Rehabilitation and extension of the existing terminal building, for 6 millions passengers per year with an approximate built-up area of 94000 m2.
- Transit Centre of around 32000 m² built-up area comprising a duty free shopping area of around 11000 m² and a ninety room airport hotel.
- VIP terminal building of approximately 2000 m² built-up area.
- General Aviation terminal building of approximately 3000 m² built-up area.
- Air traffic control tower.
- Rehabilitation of five existing buildings, of around 18750 m² built-up area.
- Associated road works, vehicle parks and infrastructure works.
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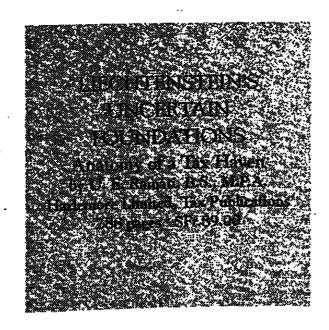
The tender period will be from 31st of August to Wednesday 29th of December 1993.

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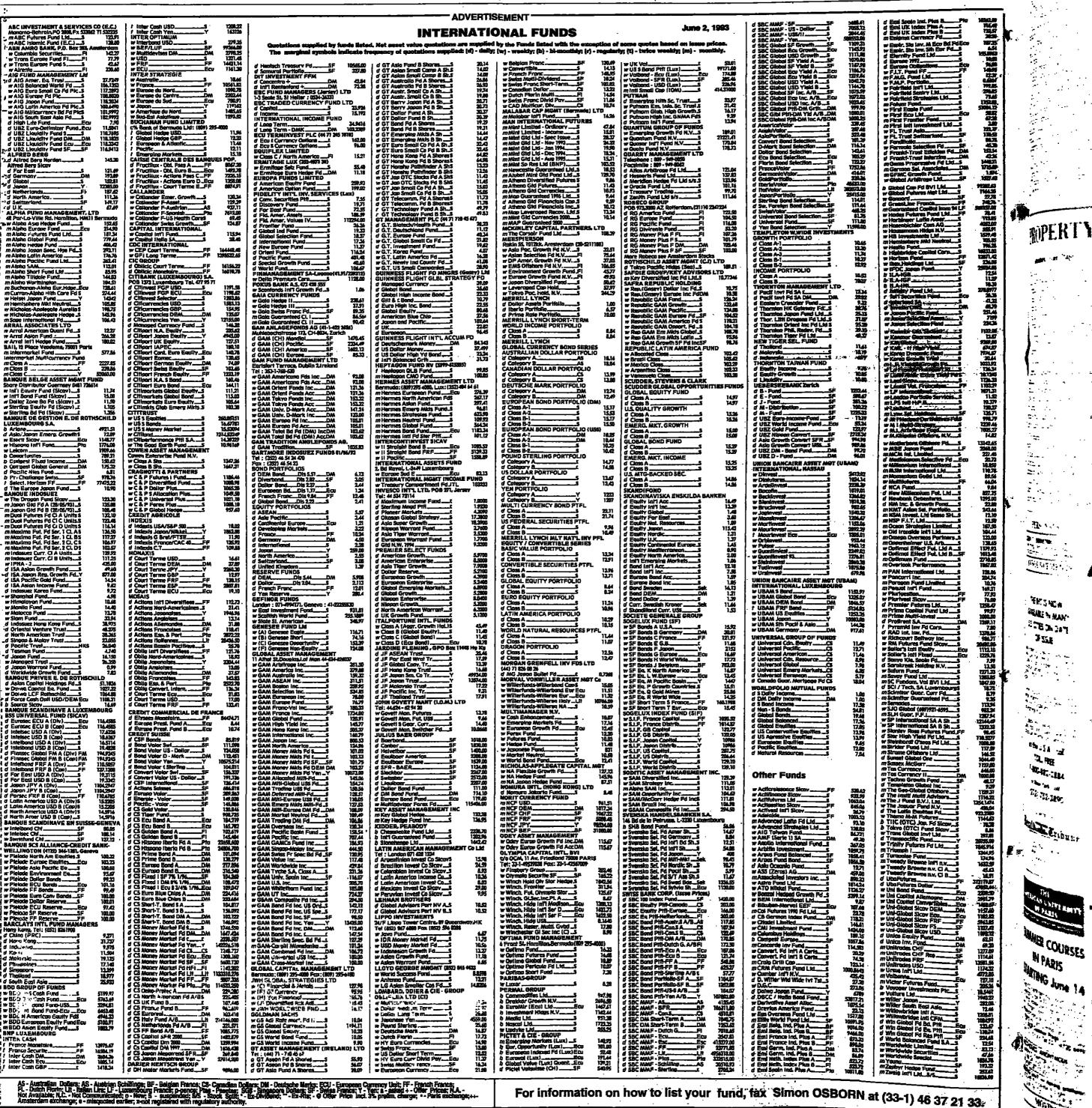
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Japan Faces Slow Mend. Bank Says

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches TOKYO - The Bank of Japan warned Wednesday that the country's economic recovery would be slow because Japanese companies had lost momentum after writing off bad loans and undergoing drastic restructurings.

The central bank's annual review of monetary and economic trends said the economy was poised for recovery after a working-down of inventories in the year ended in March, an easing of monetary policy

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5 IN BUDAN in the domestic economy with improvements in housing investment provements in housing investment and durable-goods consumption," the bank said.

"Balance-sheet adjustment and the influence of restructuring will restrict the pace," it said. But "despite such negative effects, the mo-mentum of the economic recovery

is poised to come into view." The report was released a day after the Economic Planning Agency said its leading index of economic indicators for March had been above 50 for the third month in a row. The agency says a reading above 50 indicates expansion, but inofficials said it was too early to say

the economy had bottomed out. In a separate report, a government advisory panel warned that corporate cost-cutting in research and development risked undermin-

ing Japan's industrial base.
"Corporations are emphasizing cutting fixed costs such as depreciation costs to improve short-term profits and greatly reducing R&D investment needed to expand their medium- and long-term developmental base," said a report by a subcommittee of an advisory panel to the Ministry of International Trade and Industry.

Some private analysts said the MITI panel's fears were exaggerated, however.

real-estate holdings; "I think ini-

tially many banks were hoping the

American economy would recover sooner, so they could hang onto

them. But now many of them are

having major headaches - either

trying to hang outo them, which

will cost more money, or getting rid

of them, which will be a loss of

publicly. Yet some people who fol-

low the issue say the real-estate

problems of Japanese banks are

even worse than the Federal Re-

for the accounting firm Kenneth Leventhal & Co., estimated that

Japanese owners hold \$200 billion

of real-estate loans in the United

States, of which as much as \$100

Japan's Provincial Eurobond Supermarket Firm Sets \$30 Million Offer

TOKYO - In a milestone in corporate Japan's long road to financial maturity, a provincial supermarket chain has tapped the international Euromarket for working capital in what may be a first for a company of its modest stature.

While the big-city cousins in Japan's corporate family have long been comfortable tapping capital markets overseas for eash, provincial companies have traditionally relied on loans from Japanese banks or the sale of equity on Japanese stock

Last week, however, a company in Kumamoto, a city of 660,000 on Japan's southern island of Kyushu, announced plans to offer \$30 million in fiveyear floating-rate Eurodollar notes.

Kotobukiya, a supermarket and discount-shopping-center operator based in Kumamoto, said it would issue the notes as part of a global corporate bond issuance program, aimed at gaining experi-ence in and access to international credit markets.

The bonds, to be listed in Luxembourg, will be issued on June 16, with LTCB International Ltd. as the lead underwriter, Nishi-Nippon Finance (Hong Kong) the co-lead underwriter and Norin-

chukin International PLC the co-manager. The bonds pay the six-month dollar Libor rate,

plus 37.5 basis points semiannually, and mature on June 16, 1998.

"We can't survive on domestic banking alone anymore," said Eiji Baba, general manager of financial affairs for Kotobukiya, "To be profitable, we'll switch from bank loans to direct financing with bonds, and look internationally to borrow at lower rates."

Mr. Baba said that the floating-rate payment in dollars on the bonds would be swapped into fixedrate payments in yen when "the timing is right." He said the cost would be much less than borrowing at Japan's long-term prime rate, which is cur-

rently at 5.40 percent. Kotobukiya had a current profit of 1.563 billion yen (\$14.6 million) on sales of 281.347 billion yen in the year ended in February.

Japanese banks are in lierce competition for new, creditworthy corporate customers. They are wooing an array of companies with the kind of sophisticated financing techniques that were until recently confined to plush-carpeted conference rooms in Tokyo, Japanese bankers say.

Eurobond financing and swaps are no longer new to businesses throughout Japan, said a banker at Shizuoka Bank, one of Japan's leading regional banks. They are now a standard item on the menu bankers offer corporate customers who are in the

China's Leaders Opt For Growth Impetus **Despite Inflation**

The Associated Press

BELIING - Two days before the anniversary of the crackdown on the 1989 democracy movement, the ruling Communist Party said Wednesday that it stood firm behind the market reforms of senior leader Deng Xiaoping despite worsening inflation.

The message on the from page of the People's Daily served as a timely reminder of China's economic progress under Mr. Deng's pragmatic policies. Since he called for reforms last year, the authoritarian leadership has allowed a range of economic activity, while maintaining control on politics.

Many people these days are far more interested in making money than making political statements.

Economic growth was 14 percent in the first quarter of 1993 and inflation was near 16 percent in major Chinese cities.

Nonetheless, the People's Daily carried the text of an April 1 speech by President Jiang Zemin calling for a quicker pace toward a market economy. Mr. Jiang, who also heads the party, acknowledged the concerns about inflation.

Since Mr. Fiang's speech, the Northwest flights operate at the economic situation has moved toexpense of Australian and Japa- ward serious overheating: inflation is higher, wild investment has consed and the economic bottle-There comes a time in all trade necks are worse.

One persistent stumbling block is that local officials have been unling to sacrifice their own projects. Mr. Jiang urged local leaders Corp. assigned a BBB+ long-term to subject their work to the overall national situation. Since his speech. the government has cracked down The Qantas managing director, on hundreds of development zones

John Ward, welcomed the rating, established by local officials to

> Foreign companies piedged a reyear, up 347 percent from the same

Yuan Plunges In Swap Trade

Bloomberg Business News
HONG KONG — China allowed the yuan to float freely on Wednesday for the first time in its currency exchange centers, officials at China's central bank and the national swap center said.

The yuan plunged to a re-cord low of 10.17 to the dollar on the Shanghai swap market on Tuesday. It was trading at about 10.15 on Wednesday. brokers savi.

The plunge could harm China's joint ventures, which depend on swap centers to turn yuan profits into hard currency. The official exchange rate, which tourists and state enterprises use, is 5.72 yuan to the

period last year, the China Daily said. Actual investment in the first quarter totaled \$3 billion, a 167 percent increase

An official of the Ministry of Foreign Trade predicted actual foreign investment for the entire year would easily surpass last year's ligure of \$11.6 billion.

The figures are somewhat inflated by the Chinese companies that set up subsidiaries in Hong Kong, only to have them invest in the mainland as foreign companies because of preferential tax policies. Hong Kong is the mainland's leading investor, followed by Taiwan, United States and Japan.

Foreign investors have shifted to the service sector, including speculative investment in China's boiling real estate market.

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 Dentsu Inc., the world's biggest advertising agency, said its pretax profit was halved in the year to March while revenue declined for the first time, for 27 years. Earnings fell to 15.7 billion yen (\$135 million).

South Korea, worried that its sprawling business conglomerates have become inefficient, said incentives to the top 30 would be increased if they agreed to concentrate on no more than three designated sectors each. Japan's Fair Trade Commission raided the offices of five papermakers; — Nippon Paper Industries Ltd., Fuji Photo Film Co., Daio Paper Corp., Mitsubishi Paper Mills Ltd. and Kanzaki Paper Manufacturing Co. — for allegedly forming a cartel to increase prices of carbonless copy paper. AFP, Reners, Bloomberg, AFX

Matsushita Set to Market PCs

AFP-Extel News TOKYO — Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. will start importing 1,000 personal computers monthly this fall from its Taiwan unit, Panasonic Computer (Taiwan) Co., a company spokesman said.
It will be the first time Matsu-

personal computers. The move is to take advantage of the yen's rise. The unit now exports 10,000 personal computers monthly to the United States and Europe. Matsushita has expanded the output ca-pacity from 30,000 units to 50,000.

Australia and U.S. in Air War

CANBERRA — Foreign Minister Gareth Evans said Wednesday that it would be "ludicrous" for the United States to cut more flights of Australia's Qantas Airways, which embroiled in a dispute with Northwest Airlines.

Any further retaliatory action would be so far beyond the pale of what is acceptable in terms of legal principles," Mr. Evans said. "It's based on an unashamed, unblushing protection of U.S. commercial

The foreign minister said the U.S. action could not be applauded as "some principled exercise of free-trade principles." He added: "It isn't, it's never been and it's not (AFP. Reuters) on this occasion."

An Australian radio report said Washington was considering further restrictions against Qantas after Canberra's decision Tuesday to impose sanctions on Northwest.

The United States has threatened to cut three of Qantas's 10 weekly Sydney-Los Angeles flights from June 30. Australia has ordered Northwest to cut one of three New York-Osa-

ka-Sydney flights from the same date, and contends that the airline violated an agreement that restricted it to filling a maximum of 50 percent of capacity with passengers from Japan.

Sanctions against Qantas were more severe than those for Northwest and reflected years of self-

Evans said. Australia says the

relationships," he said, "where you just have to stand up for some basic principles." Meanwhile, Standard & Poor's

debt rating to Qantas, which is 25 percent-owned by British Airways.

saying it would enable Qantas to draw investment. refinance 1.3 billion Australian dollars (\$880 million) of debt and cord \$25 billion in investments in borrow to meet future operational China in the first quarter of this needs on more attractive terms.

PROPERTY: Slump Hits Tokyo BUNDESBANK: Analysts See Rate Cut Slowdown GATT: A 'Ray of Hope' in Talks

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clinch a GATT agreement this year might plunge the still-shaky world economy into a deeper downturn. The three major industrial trad-ing powers, along with Canada as a representative of big farm-exporting nations, hope to use the fure of sharply lower tariffs to encourage their barriers to advanced services and offer greater protection for in-

sions Wednesday to its trading partners on financial services, Tokyo officials said, to accompany
the market-access proposal it made
last month to eliminate tariffs on

Talking about agriculture and
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our American friends an advanmore than 700 industrial products. But Tokyo vows to hold out as long as possible against demands that it open its domestic market to im-

ported rice. tor and Sir Leon to discuss the yield certain points and others are outlines of a market-access pack- ready to do so on other points."

age are scheduled for June 14 in Europe, officials said. Representaof renewed fear that failure to tives of the four big trading powers plan to meet again in Tokyo on June 23 and 24 in hopes of making substantial progress toward a deal that can be presented to G-7 leaders at their meeting in early July.

Separately, French and German leaders emerged from their meeting developed nations to lower in Beaune, France, saying that they "overall" approach to the GATT talks that would attempt to go betellectual property.

Japan offered further concessions Wednesday to its trading with the United States over farm subsidies.

tage," said Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany. But, pointedly offering advice to

Paris that it was time to deal, Mr. Kohl added, There is a compro-Further talks between Mr. Kan- mise when one side is prepared to

Brussels **Sets Reply** To the U.S.

BRUSSELS - The Europe-

an Community has agreed in principle on retaliation against the United States for sanctions last week, a spokesman for the Community's Danish presidency said Wednesday. The spokesman said the

Community would bar American companies from bidding on about \$15 million of public contracts. Washington annonneed last week that companies from EC nations would be barred from seeking about \$20 million of federal contracts because of bidding procedures that it said discriminated against foreign companies.

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nese investment, said that from 1985 to 1992, Japanese buyers put \$76.6 billion into American real estate, mostly in California, New York and Hawari. Investment peaked in 1988. when the Japanese spent \$16.54 billion on American properties; the number had fallen to only \$807

Leventhal, which tracks Japa-

Japanese bankers, like their American counterparts, generally decline to discuss the situation Japanese buyers outbid Americans for building after building in the 1980s.

Indeed, it is common for people in the industry to complain that For example, Jack Rodman, director of the Pacific Rim practice

Japanese buying was largely responsible for sending real estate so far into overpriced territory. But that Japanese buying power, after all, had resulted largely from policies supported by the United States in the mid-1980s that strengthened the yen against the dollar to curb the American trade deficit.

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Continued from Page 13 lashed out at continuing calls from economists to cut

rates faster. "Anyone who calls for a strong easing in monetary policy now for economic reasons is putting at risk what confidence our economy still enjoys," he said. Those words were welcomed by his audience, the Federation of Cooperative Banks, whose president last week said it would be suicide for a country

dependent on foreign capital to relax interest rates too million by 1992.

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be said, referring among other things to the Bonn
government's half-hearted attempts to cut public-sec-

to easing. Germany's economic competitiveness risks permanent damage if the Bundesbank's tight monetary policy prolongs the recession, it said, calling the 4.2 percent inflation rate in May "the result of destabilities." lizing mistakes of the past" that could not be reversed

with tight money.

Growth in the German money supply is also not as worrisome as suggested by an annualized 7.3 percent expansion in April, the Hamburg think tank argued. Mr. Schlesinger defended the Bundesbank's belief est rates were cut.

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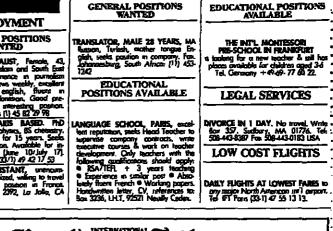
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SPORTS BASKETBA

Majerle's 3-Point Mark Stops Sonics

He Sinks 8 for Suns, Barkley Has 43 Points, 15 Rebounds

By Tom Friend New York Times Service PHOENIX — Dan Maierle tied a National Basketball Association playoff record with his eight 3point shots, and the only one he missed touched the rim a couple

times before curling out. When it was over, Majerle, hoisted into the air by teammates, had scored 34 points and Charles Barkley, with the Seattle SuperSonics on his back, still managed a triple-

NBA PLAYOFFS

double as the Phoenix Suns gained a leg up by winning Game 5 of the Western Conference finals, 120-

114, on Tuesday night. The Suns may not want to live by the jump shot, but it was either that or throw the ball in to a Barkley surrounded by four SuperSonics. So Majerle's eighth and final 3-pointer, with 20.7 seconds left, curbed a late Seattle comeback and got center Oliver Miller off the hook for two late turnovers.

Majerle's last 3-pointer came when Seattle had cut a 105-98 deficit with 3 minutes, 28 seconds left to 111-110 with 34.5 seconds left. Shawn Kemp's short baseline jump shot had brought Seattle within a point, but Majerle never hesitated when the ball found its way to him on Phoenix's next possession.

Down by 114-110, Kemp, who scored 33 points, tried a shoulder-

first drive, missed and Barkley re-"We've got to hold serve," said Barkley, comparing a playoff series to a tennis match. And the Suns did, now leading the best-of-seven series, 3-2, with Game 6 Thursday night in Seattle and Game 7, if needed, back here Saturday afternoon. Barkley looked like a regular

Magic Johnson, with 43 points, 15 rebounds and 10 assists. The fourth quarter began with the Suns ahead, 84-81, but Barkley got a 3-point play (Michael Cage slammed his neck on a shot), and Majerle unloaded for his seventh 3-pointer. It tied Chuck Person's playoff mark, set in 1991 against Boston when he played for Indiana.

The regular-season record, of nine, is held by Dale Ellis and Michael Adams.

The Suns had closed Monday's practice, and their coach, Paul Westphal, had grown surly, so they were expected to come up with something different Tuesday night.

But the only change was that Barkley got the ball. He had been invisible in the second half of the Sonics' victory in Game 4, but now he was the first, second and third options on offense. By halftime, his 24 points, 8 rebounds and 6 assists had given Phoenix a 59-54 lead.

He may have golf to thank. On Memorial Day, when his team-mates were being asked to analyze and reanalyze this series, Barkley told reporters: "Sorry guys, I'd love to spend quality time with you all, but I have a tee time."

Playing 18 holes for the first time in a week, he found some peace of mind. And it showed.

Westphal, in discussing Seattle's rout in Game 4, had earlier called it the "worst game we've played all year, including exhibition season." Karl, who heard the quote on NBC, finally found his own audi-

"Seems like no one wants to give us credit," he said. "NBC mentioned us twice in an hour of programming. They're like, 'The Suns are playing the Sonies Tuesday, and then they're, 'Here's Paul Westphal Looking ahead to the winner of the Chicago-New York series, who'd you like to play?" "It's like we're the Loch Ness



Shawn Kemp got the ball while Charles Barkley was coming out of hiding.

Wilkens Joins Hawks, Brown Says Yes to Pacers

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Lenny Wilkens, who is closing in on Red Auerbach's record for most NBA victories after having coached in Cleveland for seven seasons, has officially become coach of the Atlanta Hawks. Wilkens replaces Bob Weiss, who was fired after three seasons. Details of the contract were not disclosed, although Wilkens said it is a multiyear deal.

· Larry Brown, who coached the Los Angeles Clippers last season, has given the Indiana Pacers a verbal commitment to become their next coach, the Indianapolis

Star reported Wednesday. NBC Sports reported the deal would be announced later this week, but the Star quoted a highly placed source as saying the announcement could be put off until early

Kings Whip Canadiens In Opener

Gretzky Finds the Net -For Both Teams

By Lisa Dillman

Los Angeles Times Service
MONTREAL — Maybe now the Montreal Canadiens know why the Los Angeles Kings were laughing their way through their introductory news conference at the

Stanley Cup finals.

The explanation came Tuesday night when the Kings so thoroughly dominated Montreal in Game 1 that the Canadiens needed a goal by Wayne Gretzky - into his own net - to avoid a shutout.

Montreal's native son and left wing Luc Robitaille put two goals past goaltender Patrick Roy, and Gretzky added another improbable goal from a sharp angle into an empty net and three assists in the Kings 4-1 victory before a sellout crowd of 17,959 at the Montreal Forum.

It gave the Kings a 1-0 lead in the bestof-seven series and ended the Canadiens' eight-game winning streak at home. It was only their fourth loss in 16 playoff games. Montreal's coach, Jacques Demers, gave almost all the credit to Gretzky.

"Gretzky toyed with us tonight," he said. "He did what he wanted." "I cannot take anything away from Wayne and his boys," Demers added. "This was the Great One we saw tonight.

Everybody just followed the pattern of In one sense, Gretzky scoring on his own goaltender, Kelly Hrudey, eventually came back to haunt the Canadiens. It was

late in the first period and Gretzky was working hard on defense, backchecking when Ed Ronan threw the puck out front from the left corner. Gretzky, stretching with his stick, put it past a stunned Hrudey at 18:09. All Gretzky could do was skate away,

looking down and shaking his head ever so slightly. After one period the scoreboard signiy. After the pendit the schedule showed: Kings 1, Canadiens 1.
"It happens to everybody," said defenseman Charlie Huddy of the Kings.
"He felt bad. After that, he kind of picked

When The Great One's Red Hot There's Always Room for Error

Las Angeles Times Service MONTREAL — Wayne Gretzky is so hot these days, nobody can keep him out of their net.

Not the Toronto Maple Leafs. Nor the Montreal Canadiens. Nor even the Los Angeles Kings.

Even The Great One has some not-sogreat moments, such as in Game 1 of the Stanley Cup finals.

Trying to clear a shot off the stick of Montreal's Ed Ronan, Gretzky inadver-

tently shot the puck into his own net. past Kelly Hrudey, his shocked goalie, for the Canadiens' only goal in the Kings' 4-1 victory. He also had a goal and three assists for his own team. "I have to admit I was pretty embarrassed," Gretzky said sheepishly, "I

didn't just tip it. I fired it."
"If he has a night like this," Hrudey said, "he can score as many as he wants" for the other side, "because he's going to get them all back."

it up and turned it on. He went out and played his hockey game." Said Gretzky: "Twe done it at least three

or four times in my career. I don't think I've ever shot it that hard." Well, it probably was another first for Gretzky: He figured in all five goals scored

by both teams. The Canadiens realize they have to pick

their game up several notches, and the Kings fully expect them to do so in Thursday's Game 2. But they were saying they did virtually nothing to shut Gretzky down. Demens had planned on using a line of John

STANLEY CUP FINAL

LeClair-Kirk Muller-Mike Keane to key on Gretzky, but Keane, one of Montreal's best penalty killers, was scratched because of a recurrence of back spasms.

And Muller's effectiveness was limited when the Kings' coach, Barry Melrose, put the defensive pairing of Alexei Zhitnik and Rob Blake on the ice against Muller. "We can't let Wayne play like that," Montreal defenseman Sean Hill said. "He's

the best in the world. It doesn't mean we have to ram him through the glass. Said Roy: "We let him do what he wanted to tonight, and we did not stop him at all. I was disappointed in our perfor-

mance. I thought we would come out strong, and I wasn't very lucky tonight."
Naturally Gretzky, playing in his first
Stanley Cup finals since 1988, was the focal point during the game and afterward. But he and Robitaille weren't the sole reasons for the Kings' success. It was also players such as Tony Granato, Darryl Sy-dor and Marty McSorley, whose faces

seem to be looking more like road maps.
"You mean the all-ugly team?" Granato.

Sydor joined the threesome within the first eight seconds of his Stanley Cup finals debut. A shot from Canadien defenseman Lyle Odelein hit Sydor in front of Montreal's bench. A fair amount of blood spilled onto the ice, and Sydor needed more than 30 stitches. But he returned for the second

"It was like someone took a pair of scissors and snipped his upper and lower lips and he chipped two teeth," said the team physician, Ron Kvtine. "I would have been in the hospital."

Said Zhitnik: "Big lips now. The Kings can win with skill, speed and finesse as well as playing an ugly, get-it-done defense. Granato, who had one assist, had more to do with the victory than anything that appeared on the score sheet. On the Kings' two power-play goals, he drew the penalty that led to the first one. Odelein went to the penalty box for hold-

ing Granato, and the Kings needed only 21 seconds into the power play to take a 1-0 lead with Robitaille's goal at 3:03. Robitaille put his own rebound off Roy's skate from the right crease.

Granato constantly kept the Canadiens Granato constantly kept the Canadiens on edge with his feisty, annoying brand of play. With the Kings holding a 2-1 lead, he helped break the game open a bit at 1:51 of the third period. Roy went behind the net but also dropped off the puck for defenseman Patrice Brisebois. Granato muscled Brisebois off the puck and fed it to Gretzky, who hit Jari Kurri in the slot. "It took a funny bounce," Granato said. "I just got it to Gretz, and he's the guy who gets it done."

Mets' Pitcher Can't Buy a Win

Monster that supposedly doesn't

The Chicago Cubs were helpless against Anthony Young, but New York's relievers left him hapless

Young, the Mets' starting pitcher, who had lost 19 straight decisions, threw six shutout innings, was lifted for a pinch hitter and left with a 1-0 lend Tuesday night in Chicago. Then the Cubs erupted for a four-run seventh and a four-

run eighth to win 8-3. Mike Draper started the seventh. and allowed three earned runs on

three hits. singled in the first run of the seventh to tie the score at 1. Pinch-hitter Doug Jennings doubled to make it 2-1, and Dwight Smith capped the seventh with a two-run

Anthony Young is the best 0-19 pitcher I've ever seen," said Wilkins. "He kept the ball down all night and we were helpless against

Young, 0-5 this year, gave up three hits, struck out four and hit a two-run homer as San Diego

record for consecutive losses, set by Cliff Curtis of the Boston Braves in

NL ROUNDUP

Karros hit a three-run homer during a six-run fifth in St. Louis as Los Angeles got its 13th victory in

giving them 27 in the last two

blew a 3-1 lead in the seventh, when Kevin Mitchell doubled home two runs with two outs, before rallying behind Jim Eisenreich's RBI single

walked three. He is four defeats won in Atlanta, Bell, acquired from away from tying the major league Toronto in an offseason trade, is

Expos 2, Astros 1: Frank Bolick Bobby Bonilla continued his hot hitting for New York with two hits ninth and Montreal ended host and an RBI. He has seven homers Houston's three-game winning

Pirates 8, Rockies 6: Orlando and 15 RBI in his last 16 games.

Dodgers 11, Cardinals 6: Eric

Brett Butler went 3 for 4 with three RBIs, two on a triple in the fifth, as the Dodgers got 14 hits.

Phillies 6. Reds 3: Philadelphia in the eighth in Cincinnati. Padres 2, Braves 1: Derek Bell

batting .421 over his last 14 games with six homers and 16 RBIs.

Merced homered and drove in five runs and Bob Walk tied for the NL lead with his seventh victory as Pittsburgh won in Denver. Merced, batting .404 in his last

33 games, hit a three-run homer in the fifth after the drawn within 3-2. Martins 7, Giants 3; Giants 4, Martins 3: Greg Briley drove in three runs with two homers to help Florida win the opener in Miami, but center fielder Darren Lewis

helped San Francisco Giants gain a split by robbing Geronimo Berroa of a two-run homer in the second game, when Willie McGee's tworun double highlighted a three-run (AP. UPI)

Will Play Baseball

ATLANTA - Deion Sanders has committed himself to playing baseball for the next three years by signing a \$10.75 million, three-year contract with the Braves.

But football and the National Football League's Atlanta Falcons remain in the Pro Bowl cornerback's plans, too, although he will miss at least five regular season football games, and maybe more, if the Braves make it to the baseball

The Braves had renewed his contract for \$1 million in March, but that deal required him to remain with the baseball team only through July 31, then report to the Falcons. The new contract that Sanders signed Tuesday replaces that deal and will run through the 1995 season.

"I know my destiny," said Sanders. "Now I've just got to take care of the football side of it." He is in the final year of a four-year contract with the Falcons, from whom he will earn \$1

Sanders, 25, is hitting .273 with one home run and has driven in six runs in 22 games this season after going 0 for 4 Tuesday night in the loss to San Diego. He said he was relieved to get the contract out of the way.

Sanders Commits, Belle Leads Rout of Yanks

The Associated Press

Albert Belle, who is leading the major leagues in homers and runs batted in, but is facing a three-game suspension, homered twice and drove in four runs as the Cleveland Indians beat the Yankees, 15-6, in New York. Belle hit a three-run homer after the

AL ROUNDUP

first two batters walked during a five-run first, then connected again in the sixth Tuesday night, giving him 17 homers and 48 RBIs this season.

His appeal of a three-game suspension, for charging Kansas City's Hipolito Pichardo after being hit by a pitch, was heard earlier in the day by AL President Bobby Brown.

"I hope I'm able to play," Belle said. "Even if I'm not, this was a good game to get in."

Carlos Baerga homered, tripled, dou-

led and drove in three runs for the Indians

Blue Jays 8, Angels 9: Toronto's Al Leiter, troubled much of the season by a sore middle finger, and three relievers held host California to two hits.

John Olerud and Ed Sprague hit consecutive first-pitch homers off Scott Sanderson in the second inning. Olerud had three RBIs, including a run-scoring single in the seventh, as he raised his

league leading average to 400.

White Sox 4, Tigers 2: Tim Raines went 3-for-3, hitting his fourth homer, as Chicago ended a six-game losing streak by winning in Detroit.

Twins 7, Rangers 5: Pinch-hitter Brian Harper's three-run homer in the eighth got Minnesota past visiting Texas. Kirby Puckett also drove in three rons for the Twins, who rallied from deficits of 4-0 and 5-1.

s 4, Ked Sox 3: George Brett mi his 303d major league homer, a two-run

shot, as Kansas City scored three runs in the third in Boston. Brewers 10, Mariners 0: John Jaha hit a two-run homer in the seventh and Jaime Navarro scattered nine hits for

his first shutout of the season as Milwankee beat visiting Seattle. Athletics 4, Orioles 1: Scott Hemond, batting .143 entering the game, hit a two-run double in the fifth to help Oak-

Neilson Will Coach New NHL Panthers

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches TAMPA, Florida - Roger Neilson, fired in January as coach of the New York Rangers, on Wednesday was named the first head coach of the Florida Panthers, who will begin playing in the

National Hockey League next season.

Neilson coached the Rangers to the top record in the league in 1991-92, which earned him a contract extension that reportedly made him the highest paid coach in the league.

He has also coached in Toronto. Buffalo, Vancouver and Los Angeles. His Canucks advanced to the Stanley Cup finals in 1982.

Scotty Bowman, the NHL's leader in vic-

tories, will become the next coach of the Detroit Red Wings, the Detroit News reported Wednes-

day.

Bowman, who coached the Pittsburgh Penguins the last two seasons, has agreed to a twoyear contract with the Red Wings for \$2.6 mil-

lion, the newspaper said. The team's general manager, Bryan Murray, who had coached the team for three seasons. 4c. would neither confirm nor deny the agreement. A formal announcement wasn't expected until the end of this week, the News said, because of a delay apparently involving Bowman's request to serve as a consultant for four years after he stops



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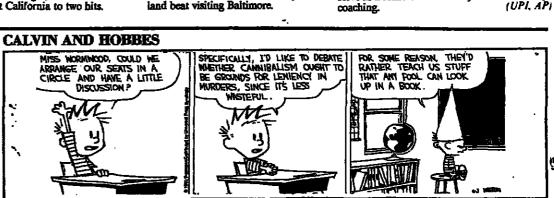
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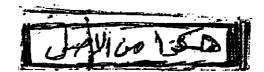








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SPORTS FRENCE

One's Red Norway Stuns England Stuns England With a 2-0 Victory in Onalifying **World Cup Qualifying**

Compiled by Our Staff From Disparcher into the second half, when Nor-Norway shocked England with a way's defenders drove the ball out 2-0 win in World Cap soccer quali-fring Wednesday and drove the England is regarded with awe in home fans into a frenzy by beating the Britons for the first time in 12

Norway held onto its lead in Group 2 qualifying, and now has often retold part of Norwegian soc-11 points to England's 9, followed cer lore. by the Netherlands and Poland with 8 each.

Egged on by wildly cheering Norwegians in the crowd of 22,256 at Ullevaal stadium in Oslo, Norway dominated most of the game with eight shots on goal against a lackinster England's three. "We moved fast and we worked

hard. This win was completely de-served," said Norwegian coach Egil Olsen. "We played a perfect game." The Norwegians controlled the first half, without being able to turn two or three opportunities into

Then, with three minutes left of the half, Oyvind Leonhardsen of the Norwegian domestic team Ro-Rapid Wien pro Jan Age Fjortoft to give Norway a 1-0 lead.

We ran the show in the first

half," said Olsen. "We worked hard and it showed." Lars Bohinen - unexpectedly brought up from the second-string to start — opened the second half

for Norway by driving in on his own and firing a shot right over the head of England's goalkeeper, Chris Woods, to make it 2-0. Bohinen, who plays for the Nor-wegian team Lillestrom, had not played well this spring, but Olsen took a chance on him because of his

speed and dribbling ability, which Norwegian newspapers were stunned by 23-year-old Bohinen's starting instead of national favorite and A-team veteran Goran Sorloth, who did not leave the bench until

about 10 minutes into the second In the next 25 minutes, the 30-year-old Sorioth repeatedly pres-

sured the English goalie. England missed out on a solid

Norway as a soccer nation. The last time Norway beat them was also at Ullevaal, with a 2-1 victory in 1981 that had become a favorite and

"England are not known for giving up before the whistle sounds," Olsen said, "but that is what they

England's coach, Graham Tay-lor, said: "I am shocked because the performance was way below what is expected and what is required. It will leave many people at home angry and frustrated."

"We gave away everything" the English coach said "It's the manner of losing that is the disappointing aspect."

Taylor dropped Liverpool veteran John Barnes and made three

other changes after Saturday's 1-1 draw in Poland.

But there was too much inexperience, no clear understanding and key Norwegian Jostein Flo baffled his opponents by switching wings from the start.

Russia 1, Iceland 1: Russia se cured a place in the World Cup finals after a draw against Iceland in a tough European Group 5 qualifier in Reykjavik.
They needed just one more point

from a group cut to five teams after the former Yugoslavia was thrown out of the tournament by FIFA. Iceland's team of part-timers and professionals, who had only a

slim pre-match chance of traveling to the United States along with already-qualified Greece, took the Feyenoord professional Arnar Gunnlangsson carved out some space on the left before drilling the

ball to Stuttgart striker Eyjolfur Sverrisson who slid it past goal-keeper Dmitri Kharin. The Russians almost equalized II minutes later when Benfica's

Sergei Yuran won the ball in a goal-mouth scramble only to stab it



David Platt of England, center, a teammate and Jostein Flo of Norway went airborne for the ball.

the Icelanders, and a minute later qualifying tournament, when it lost Karlsruhe's Sergei Kirjakov sprinted into space on the right, rounded two defenders and blasted the ball past a despairing Birkir Kristins-

Scotland 3, Estonia 1: Substitute Sergei Bragin scored Estonia's first mental team and at least was re-World Cup goal since 1938, but a reshaped Scotland posted a con-fortable triumph at home. Brian McClair and Pat Nevin hit from its five games and no goals

two first half goals and Nevin added a second half penalty as Scotland cruised home.

Bragin's 57th minute strike was
Estoma's first goal since the 1938

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the last year, scored three goals Wednesday in Stockholm as Swe-7-2 to Sweden, beat Finland 1-0 and tumbled 4-1 to Germany. den beat Israel in a Group 6 Euro-With little chance of qualifica-

pean qualifying match. tion for next year's finals in the United States, Scotland manager Andy Roxburgh fielded an experiwarded with a comfortable victory. for this contest.

Estonia arrived with a record of only one draw against four defeats

> Group 3 with 13 points. Guerrero rose high in the area to head home a left-wing cross in the 73d minute and, four minutes later, tucked home the ball from close range after some good approach

The twin strikes by the Athletic Bilhao forward were the first away goals of the competition for Spain. Northern Ireland 2, Latvia 1: In Riga, the visiting team, two goals up with less than 15 minutes to play, hung on desperately to win its Group 3 match.

defender Gerry Taggart heading in

the second goal. The Irish midfield was in control, with the pace and skill of Strasbourg's winger. Michael Hughes, tormenting the defenders. But Latvia, which had drawn at home against European champions Denmark Spain and Albania in previous qualifiers, was inspired by

tying, on shots from Sarando and substitute Jelisejevs, while Gary Fleming had to clear a Babicevs header off the goal line. (AP, Reuters, UPI)

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BELLE EPOCH

Three times Latvia came near to

It was the first hat trick in 25 matches for Sweden and Brolin. who was switched to striker by the team's coach, Tommy Svensson,

The victory moved Sweden atop Group 6 on a better goal differential than France, both teams having 10 points from six matches, Bulgarin is third with nine points from

seven matches. RCS 5, Romania 2: In Kosice, Slovakia, Pavel Dubovsky's hattrick helped the Representation of Czechs and Slovaks team win de-spite being reduced to nine men

and threw Group 4 wide open. The RCS has now moved up to third place in the group with seven points from six matches. Romania remains second with nine points, with group leader Belgium having 14 from eight matches. Fourthplace Wales is also in contention with seven points from six matches. Spain 2. Lithuania 0: In Vilnius.

Julen Guerrero scored twice in four minutes to improve Spain's bid for a place in the finals. The result kept Spain atop

The victory kept alive Northern Ireland's hopes of reaching the 1994 finals, as it remained three

points behind Spain.
Northern Ireland dominated the first half, with Oxford United's Jim Magilton putting his team in front in the fourth minute and Barnsley

a 55th minute goal from Ainards Linards, their Sweden-based strik-

More Patient Bruguera Sickens No. 1 Sampras

Edberg, Too, Faces Defeat

By Ian Thomsen

PARIS — Jim Courier, in the midst of an oddly placed midweek holiday, was no doubt satisfied to hear that his No. 1 nemesis, Pete Sampras, had been ousted Wednesday by a heretofore Grand Slam nobody, Sergi Bruguera, the 6-3, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4 winner, became the first Spaniard to make the semilinals of the French Open since 1983, when it was José Higueras, one of Couri-er's two coaches.

"I think he has a decent chance of winning the next round," said Sampras, who then predicted a championship for No. 2 Courier. Bruguera, he said, "has got a decent

chance, but not a great one." The last traps between a third straight title and Courier are Bruguera, the clay-court expert with no major experience; No. 13 Richard Krajicek, a 6-foot, 5-inch (1.96-meter) Dutchman who believes a serve-and-volleyer can win here despite evidence gathered by Boris Becker, Stefan Edberg and Sam-pras; and the winner of a quarterfinal between Edberg and 18-yearold Andrei Medvedev, who has not buckled under the pressure Courier hoped to create when he said Med-vedev was the challenger to watch.

Krajicek beat No. 14 Karel Novacek of the Czech Republic, 3-6, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, in a match halted by the dusk on Tuesday. The last men's quarterfinal was suspended following a second rain delay Wednesday night with Medvedev leading Edberg, 6-0, 5-5, and 30love on serve.

Courier, who advanced against Goran Proic on Tuesday, will beat - sorry, Freudian slip - he will meet Krajicek in a semifinal Friday. In the absence of Andre Agassi, the most dramatic final would have matched the defending champion against Sampras, who in April swiped Courier's No. 1 ranking despite not having won a major title in 21/2 years. Sampras will remain first in the computer's heart even if Courier wins his fourth Grand Slam title on Sunday.

"Bottom line is who is No. I at dismissively.

He lost the opening set and began the next amid a three-game losing streak on serve. Like his megaciones here, Becker and Edberg --or like Courier on grass -- he could not reason out a response to his opponent's unfailing pressure, even as Sampras was winning the last five games of the second set. "I was a bit discouraged." Sam-

pras said. "I could just see myself kind of sloping down and I kind of got through that and started cometing a little bit better in the second. felt I competed real well today." With the patient Bruguera attacking only when the percentages were right, Sampras played the ing both cups home to Barcelona.

SIDELINES

As Sergi Bruguera strolled toward the semifinals with a 6-3, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4 victory, Pete Sampras contemplated the error of his ways. third set like a man falling through "I think I can do it." Brugueta a trap door. At least it wasn't the 6- said. "Of course, clay is my bes? 3, 6-1 loss he suffered to Bruguera surface, and I always know that it

until his last service game.

his claims to the No. 1 ranking. He

has not won a Grand Slam since his 1990 breakthrough at the U.S. Open, and he failed to improve last

year's quarterfinal showing here. Courier, no doubt, regards Sampras much as Mike Tyson does Riddick

Bowe — and Courier isn't in jail.

to win this tournament."

ly at Monte Carlo six weeks ago.

After this weekend's final, when

the big events move to other sur-

faces, he will take on the look of a

race-walker among sprinters. But here, Sampras predicted, Bruguera

will be "tough to beat." He and No.
3 Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, who

might be the best bet in the wom-

en's draw, have a chance of carry-

rwo weeks ago in Düsseldorf. The final set was Sampras's firmest From a rival came this echo: - 1 statement: He did not surrender always had the feeling I could play

With Wimbledon only 18 days It was Krajicek, who had just advanced to his first clay semifinal. away, Sampras seemed to be talk-ing himself into a positive outlook despite failing once more to redeem

"I grew up on it from my third year when I started playing." he said. "I have been playing on clay the whole summer always. So just because I go to the net more often than other people doesn't mean that you are not a clay-court player. This tournament I showed to mycan indeed play on clay.

"I beat a couple of decent claycourt players this tournament, but Sergi is kind of another class of In the last 10 days Krajicek's really good clay-court player," Sampras said. "I didn't have two Rosset, the Olympic champion and Spanish clay specialists Jorda steps back, I thought I progressed Arrese and Carlos Costa, Reinvigoagain this year, but again I am not satisfied like last year. I was hoping rated by an overnight delay, then interrupted by rain Wednesday, Krajicek out-aced Novacek, 17-1. Bruguera has won seven ATP with two in the final game, both on Tour titles, all on clay, most recentsecond serve.

> "So it probably works." Novacek said of Krajicek's perverse approach. "It is going to be a very interesting match, but once Courier will find a rhythm to return his serve, I think it is going to be to his favor. But he is going to struggle with the return. It is going to be very open."

Perhaps the greatest warning to Courier was fired by the Ukrainian. Medvedev. In Monte Carlo recently, he complained about anonymous phone calls on the eye of an awkward loss to Edberg. This title he played Edberg not uncertainty but like Minnesota Fats shooting EPSOM, England (AP) — Commander In Chief, a 15-10-2 shot under Irish jockey Michael Kinane, pulled away from the field 400 meters from to spots on the pool table, always with his next position in mind. The first set lasted 16 minutes, with seven points to Edberg. To the Swede's good fortune, the materi was then halted by rain, with Edberg praying that Medvedev world

The 4-to-5 favorite, Tenby, was hampered at the turn, throwing the 240th running of Britain's most prestigious flat race wide open. The second and third horses home were 150-1 shots Blue Judge and Blues Traveller. Commander in Chief, owned by the Arabian millionaire Khalid Abdullah, gave a third triumph to British trainer Henry Cecil, whose Slip Anchor won in 1985 and Reference Point finished first in 1987. forget to unplug the phone.

Open Results

MEN'S SINGLES Sergi Brusyers (18), Spain, def. Pete Sam oras (1), U.S., 63, 44, 6-1, 6-4 Richard Kralicek (12), Netherlands, Ce Carel Novocek (13), Czech Republic 3-6,6-2,3

WOMEN'S DOUBLES Querterfinal
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500, had a custom-made steering wheel stolen from his race car, apparently while it was on display at the victory dinner in the Indiana Convention

Commander In Chief Wins Derby

the finish Wednesday to win the English Derby by 31/2 lengths.

Hall of Famer Johnny Mize Dies

DEMOREST, Georgia (AP) — Johnny Mize, 80, the slugging first baseman who led the National League in home runs and slugging percentage four times and was voted into the Hall of Fame in 1981, died

at home Wednesday in his sleep.
"The Big Cat" broke into the major leagues in 1936 with the St. Louis

Cardinals, was traded to the New York Giants in 1942, served in World War II and then joined the New York Yankees in 1949. He had a 312

Emerson Fittipaldi, while was picking up his check for winning the Indy

lifetime batting average, with a National League-leading .349 in 1939.

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> were thrown through plate glass windows in the bar, causing about \$300,000 in damage, with the fans then battling riot-equipped police

> some English fans sought to provoke the police after midnight Wednesday, when a small group of fans smashed shop windows in downtown Osio and then fled to the nearby Paleet Pub. Police said some fans claimed they were eking revenge after six Englishmen were beeten up by doormen at another bar early Tues-

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Police in Oslo Jail 73

OSLO - The police said Wednesday they had arrested 73 people, mostly English soccer fans, who had taken part in an early morning rampage in a bar prior to a World Cup qualify ing game.

Per Jarle Hellevik of the Oslo police said

After English Fans Riot

scoring chance about 20 minutes

Police said the chairs, tables and windows

The committee's spokesman, Andreas Herren,

the World Cup into a "field for experiments." probably have to be unanimous."

U.S. soccer officials have sought the change to encourage scoring, and thus avoid a repeat of the doll first-round matches that ended in ties in 1990 in Italy. Victories are now worth two points, a draw worth one.

FIFA Retreats on 3-Point Move

World Cup committee had postponed a decision on awarding three points for a victory at ... tively evenly among different parts of the world.

the 1994 tournament intill it consults with the ... Officials said there was no question of intro-24 national teams involved, and now is expected to decide at the Dec. 16 draw.

said some members resisted the idea of turning Another official, Guido Tognoni, said that "if there is any resistance from the teams then FIFA will not impose the change. The voting procedure has not been decided but it will

its selection of referees and linesmen next year, sending only "the best," and thus moving away from a policy of spreading the assignments rela-

> ducing sudden-death overtime at the 1994 World Cup, a change tested at the world youth championship in Australia in March and being used in the new Japanese league.

• In Tokyo, officials of the J-League, bowing to criticism from top foreign stars, said Wednesday they will reduce the heavy schedule of matches next season to ensure that teams regularly play only on Saturday.

A league spokesman attributed this season's tight schedule to Japan's involvement in the final Asian qualifying round of the World Cup. Gary Lineker of England, Brazilian veteran

Zico and others have complained that the present twice-weekly matches are too exhausting. (AP. Reuters)

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The Art of Being Beastly

WASHINGTON — I think by now that the whole world knows about the "water buffalo" controversy at the University of Pennsylvania in which a student was accused of hurling a racial epithet at a group of black coeds. He called them "water buffalo" because they were making a lot of noise under his window when he

wäs trying to study. The question this raised was, which animals are politically correct and which

ones aren't? Rick Hornbeck of the National Zoo in Washington is a renowned expert on the subject, and it's his job

on animal slander. Before in-Buchwald sulting someone. all a person has to do is check it out with Rick.

I was mad at a computer sales man the other day and I telephoned Rick's hot line. "Is it O. K. to say that a person is a giant panda?" "It won't get you thrown out of

school," Rick said. "Pandas are native to China and aren't too bright."

"How about a hald eagle?" "Is this person bald?"
"No."

U.S. Library Gets Mingus's Works

WASHINGTON — The Li-brary of Congress has re-ceived Charles Mingus's complete collection of personal documents and musical works. Several thousand documents, including more than 300 original scores, letters, about 100 recordings and 2,000 photos, were donated by the late The items include the 1.000-page

manuscript of Mingus's autobiography, "Beneath the Underdog," which was published in a 300-page

Mingus, a bassist, composer and band leader, was born in Arizona in 1922. He died in 1979.

"Then I don't believe that he can bring charges against you. If he was bald, he might have a case."

"I really hate this computer salesman with all my heart because he sold me a lemon, but when I went back to see him he wouldn't talk to me. I want to call him something he'll always remember - a slur that no one has used before."

Rick said, "How about a redbellied turtle? I know a guy who was awarded \$100,000 when someone called him that."

"It's O. K.," I said. "But I like animal ethnic slurs with more

"This is one people use when they get mad at other drivers on the road - Morro Bay kangaroo rat. You can get pilloried at almost any uni-versity in the country if you use it."

Out of curiosity. I asked Rick why some animals like water buffalo were considered offensive and

others weren't. He explained, "There are certain species that people just don't like, and there are others that would never be considered an insult. For example, bears are just not offen-sive. You can't insult a person by calling him a polar bear, no matter how hard you try.

"By the same token if you got angry and called him an Asian wild ass, you better be prepared to fight." "I guess all snakes have terrible

ethnic connotations." Even the American Civil Liberties Union won't defend you if you call someone a snake," Rick told me.

"Do you believe that Penn was out of line when it decreed that water buffalo was a terrible cuss-

"It's still up in the air. The main function of an Asian water buffalo is to help farmers in the rice paddies. The creature is slow and dumb, but no dumber than the American buffalo. I heard that the case against the student has been dropped so the National Zoo is no longer interested in the outcome. Now what animal have you decided on?"

"An Ozark big-eared bat. That fits the computer salesman."
"You've made a good choice,"
said Rick. "Nobody has called any-

one that since Ross Perot criticized Bill Clinton's economic package."

Ravi Coltrane, in His Father's Footsteps

By Mike Zwerin ngi Herald Trihune

PARIS—A famous family name opens doors, squeezes front money from investors, attracts the public and publicity. O. K., use what you got. But once you attract their attention the playing field is level; you must produce.

Michael Douglas has earned his own terms. Barry Bonds is compared to Reggie Jackson and not his father, Bobby. On the other hand, Natalie Cole remains Nat's daughter, and Dweezil and Ahmet Zappa are still out to prove that their musical name is more music than name. (Whatever happened to Nancy Sinatra and Julian Lennon?)

The capacity houses John Coltrane's 28-year-old son Ravi attracted to the jazz club La Villa for a week recently stayed to cheer. The club's publicity claiming he is "one of the best saxophonists of his generation" may be premature but not really misleading. Such a combination of emotional and technical maturi-

ty is rare. Although he's fast, he plays music not notes and knows how to leave space. There are no quotations, no cliches. (He was well pushed by Maceo Parker's drummer Bruce Cox, one of the most spectacular drummers to come up in years.) You have the feeling that each night, each set is stronger than the last.

Ravi talked about the road that led here and why it was so long with quiet, unpretentious honesty. The desire, and peace of mind it takes for someone named after Ravi Shankar and John Coltrane to commit to a

career as a musical improviser were also evident.

His father died when he was 2. He grew up with two
brothers and a sister in Woodland Hills, a middle-class community in the San Fernando Valley near Los Angeles. His mother Alice worked as a pianist, founded an ashram, managed the estate and took care of her family. There was spirituality, love and money; life was not traumatic. He did not feel himself to be under the shadow of a legend.

The kids acted out little mime and dance shows in the house accompanying a recording of Stravinsky's "Fire-bird." It is one of Ravi's strongest childhood memories. Even today, when he hears the finale, it "just kills me every time." In junior high school he was handed a clarinet but music was "all about getting to go to football games, traveling to marching-band competitions and meeting girls." The clarinet was not exactly an obsession. He loved films and started thinking about making them. The kids shot short movies with their mother's super-8 camera. He

had, he says, a "gadget jones, any kind of gadget."
"Growing up is a filtering process," he says, "from your first day in grade school through college. You learn how to relate to your peers, your mentors, the good-looking people, the fat people, whatever. I'm amazed that certain guys have it enough together at a young age to decide they want to deal with music. I certainly didn't."

His mother bought him a soprano saxophone during his second year in high school but she did not push him toward music and people were not aware of jazz where he grew up. The Coltranes were one of the first black families in Woodland Hills. More moved in after a while but they weren't aware of jazz either. Ravi lived for years "without hearing my father's name, just going to school, the supermarket, the playground. My mom wanted to keep our lives simple as long as possible, so we wouldn't have to deal with being John Coltrane's children until we were adults." After his older brother John Jr. died in an automobile accident - "young kids messing around, it was very, very. very hard" - he put down the saxophone and went into a "negative phase" for a few years. At the age of 20, he



Have sax, will travel: When Elvin Jones offers Ravi a gig, saying no just doesn't make any sense.

began to meet people who asked whether he'd ever heard "Live at the Village Vanguard." He was "clewless."
Working hard to avoid confronting his heritage, he'd taken odd jobs, "very odd jobs," since the age of 15. After being a ball boy at a golf driving range, he was a part-time usher in two movie theaters at the same time. A projec-tionist taught him how the machine worked. When she left, he ended up "running around this atrium" responsible for six projectors. He delivered film stock for awhile.

On time, nice guy, no problems, he was always a "decent employee." After he had worked in a supermarket for four months, the manager called him in his office and said, "Ravi, you're really doing good work here, we like you. The store is going to expand soon and we think you would make a great manager." That did it. Ravi flashed on life as a supermarket manager stretching ahead of him and he had to get out of there. He quit without giving notice, picked up a saxophone seriously for the first time, listened to jazz, started learning how to play it and enrolled in the California Institute of the Arts.

For the first time in his life he was no longer Ravi but John's son, "Man, it got deep." He had still not decided to be a musician, just to give it a shot for a year. Then he thought he'd try another year. While in Cal Arts, he started playing gigs with his mother. Then he met Elvin

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With his surging, dramatic, loose timekeeping Elvin had changed jazz drumming while playing with Ravi's father, and successors like Bruce Cox are still redefining his style rather than rendering it obsolete. When they were introduced, Ravi felt like he was in the presence of an uncle. Elvin smiled hearing his name. Ravi did not want to lay this on him but people standing around said "Elvin, yeah, he plays saxophone." Elvin asked him about school and said maybe they could play together one day.

A call came offering employment in January 1991. Before accepting, Ravi worned about being stuck in a situation where he'd be so obviously John's son. It was bad enough playing the same instrument. He'd been careful to design his life to never get involved with nostalgic exploi-tation, ignoring requests for "My Favorite Things." But he decided that when Elvin Jones offers you a gig. saying no just doesn't make any sense.

With Elvin, he was tentative, shaky, playing short solos, often off-mike. It was as though he did not consider himself worthy, like a student who had skipped a grade and was worried about repeating senior year. He only turned pro two and a half years ago. He has not recorded an album yet, he says he's "not ready." Nevertheless, the word is out. This is a burgeoning monster.

Coltrane is dead, long live Coltrane.

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PEOPLE

40 Years Later, a Kiss Is Not Worth a Franc

A legal wrangte over France's most famous photographic em-brace Robert Doisnesu's 1950 pic-ure "Le Baiser de l'Hôtel de Ville." Fight Ore ended Wednesday with a court ruling that a kiss is just a kiss. Two couples had claimed to be the pair captured in a kiss conside Paris's city half — four decades after the event. - but the court said the picture offered no proof of identification. The dispute began when Desise and Jean-Louis Lavergne, now in their mid-60s, said they had recognized themselves in a reproduction on a magazine cover in 1988. Doisness then announced that he had bired models, and the Lavergnes sued for 500,000 francs (\$90,000). Meanwhile, Françoise Bournet, a former actiess who said she and an actor named Jacques Cartned had been hired by Doisneau, sued for 100,000 francs plus a share of the royalties.

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"I'm not like the ordinary writer." the newly minted memoirist Margaret Thatcher confessed during a speech at the booksellers' convention in Miami. So true. Even Stephen King doesn't have bourb-miffing dogs clear the way for him. Nor does Wolverine, a continued Marvel Comics character. Sike note of the run-of-the-mill scribbler. When he saw Thatcher, he leaped to her side, assuring her, "Everything is secure now. Wolverine is here." Definitely not ordinary.

Queen Elizabeth II marked the 40th anniversary of her coronation on Wednesday in the way size has for years, with a day at the races, at Epsom. Elizabeth is said to set more store by the anniversary of her accession to the throne on the death of George VI in 1952 than on her coronation 16 mouths later.

A smiling Duchess of Yesk arrived at the royal family's residence, Balmoral in Scotland, with her daughters, raising hopes of at least one royal reconciliation. The dackess has lived separately from her husband, Prince Amirow, since last summer, but friends say they have been seeing more of each other

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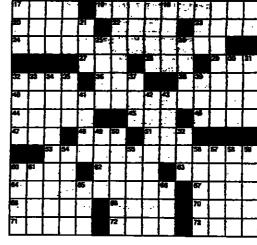
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BOOKS

GAI-JIN By James Clavell. 1,038 pages.

\$27.50. Delacorte Press Reviewed by Christopher Lehmann-Haupt

A T the opening of James Clavell's intermittently absorbing but overlong new novel, "Gai-jin," two previous works in the author's so-called Asian saga collide with each other, producing a thousand pages of complications that never do get completely straightened out, although by the end the reader is happy to take a rest from them, at least until the three-pound sequel is

At the start of "Gai-jin," which means foreigner in Japanese, "Tai-Sept. 14, 1862, three Englishmen and a Frenchwoman are traveling by horseback not far from Yokohama on the Tokaido, the coastal toll road that joins the Shogun's forbidden capital, Yedo (today's Tokyo), to the rest of Japan. Not long after setting out, the

riders meet two columns of samurai traveling in the other direction. They step aside politely to let the columns pass, but two samurai confront them in a rage and then attack with their swords. While only one of the riders is killed, the 20-year-old Malcolm Struan is severely wounded. Struan is the heir apparent to the powerful Far East English trading company known as Noble House that was featured in two of Clavell's previous cinder blocks, titled "Tai-Pan" and "No-

Galloping home covered with blood and crying for help goes the woman identified in the list of prin-

book as "Angelique Richaud, 18, beloved of Malcolm, daughter of Guy Richaud, French China trader, ward of the French minister." On about page 700, when the plot of "Gai-jin" has at last got off the ground, you discover somewhat to your surprise that this Angelique is the central character of the novel. Judging by how much has been left still to untangle at the end, she will likely be near the center of Clavell's

This seemingly unprovoked attack by the two samurai produces consequences so enormous that it would take the space of this entire newspaper to summarize them adequately. But they can be divided mio two broad streams. It turns out that the attacking samurai are shi-shi, persons of courage who are num, while Angelique grows more "fanatically xenophobic and anti- and more in love with him. Mean-

cipal characters at the back of the gai-jin." They were enraged by the while, seething in Hong Kong and lack of complete respect the formore calculatingly they hoped to provoke a counterattack by the foreigners that would lead to a civil war among the country's feudal lords, a shift in power from the ruling shogunate back to the deposed emperor and the eventual expulsion of the hated gai-jin. This political stream of the novel

> involves incredibly complicated intrigue, endless diplomatic meetings in which outraged Japanese draw in their breaths and a certain amount of "pillowing" as a spy network exchanges secrets. In the more domestic stream,

delivering irate letters by clipper eigners showed their cortege, but ship, Malcolm's mother, Tess, grows increasingly convinced that

comantic, keeps promising to burst into flame but somehow never does Angélique is a fortune-seeking har-lot. This haif of the plot, easier to

At its best, "Gai-jin" achieves

Ronaldo H. Schmitz, a managing director at Deutsche Bank in Frankfurt, is reading "Around the Cragged Hill: A Personal and Politi-cal Philosophy" by George F. Kenpoliticians and diplomats trying to

cope with the problems of our

times. They usually didn't measure up. He has a very bleak view, yet it's extraordinarily enlightening."

(Tom Redburn, IHT)



makes us feel we're understanding how today's Japan came into being siders. Clavell's revolutionary samurai desire nothing more than to purify the country of foreigners. They are infinitely patient and guileful about achieving this end.

However accurate it may be, though, the Japanese dialogue of-ten reads like that of a World War II comic book. "Have idea, Tairasan," a character says. "Bad for me go now, I sure die. Want he'rp Ing erish friends, want to be va' ru'ber a'rry, very va'ru'ber friend." Soh. Occasional though such speeches may be, in a thousand

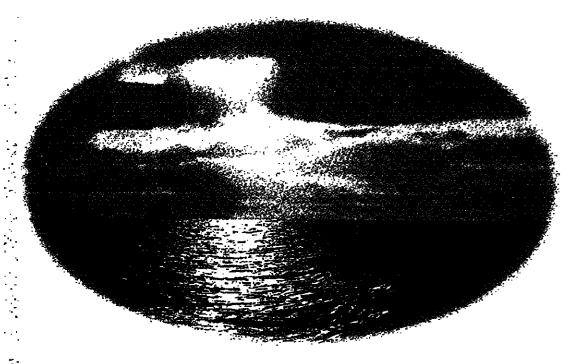
pages they begin to grate. It isn't really that Clavell writes comic-book fiction. There is an entertaining tribute to Charles Dick-

grand historical perspective that ens in "Gai-jin," in which he drawhen another installment of "Great Expectations" appeared in a magazine and the extremes to which they would go to read it.
"Gai-jin" is in the mainstream of

a great and enduring story-telling tradition, full of rich characters and complicated action. It's just that modernism makes such fiction seem unreal. In any case, "Gai-jin" feels vaporous even by Claveli's There's one memorable scene in

which, after a burial at sea, a storm blows up and the coffin "attacks" There is even a character named Ah the ship that disposed of it. But other than that, for all the activity in these thousand pages, preciou little sticks in the reader's mind.

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